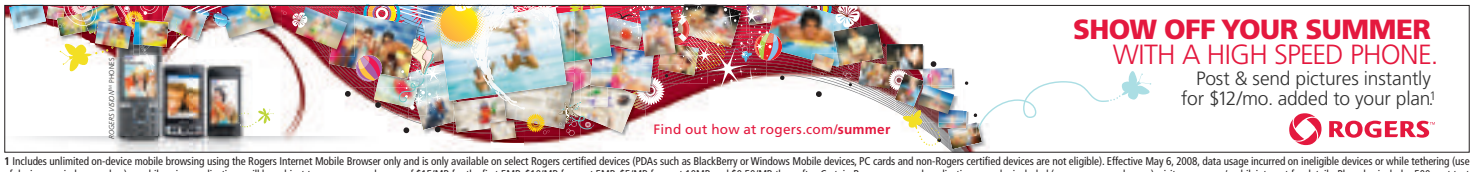
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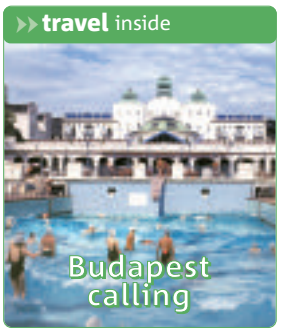


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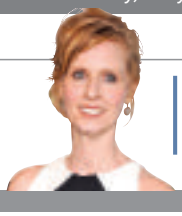

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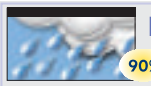


# GTA groups rally for aid

## Chinese community creates relief fund for quake victims

The Greater Toronto Area's Chinese community is joining forces to send aid to parts of its homeland devastated by this week's earthquake and continuing aftershocks.

"We were very, very emotional," said Bang Gu Jiang, president of Toronto's Sichuan Association of Canada, named for the province rocked by Monday's earthquake.

"We had to accept the shocking news and we were trying to find out if our families, relatives and friends were sound and safe."

Her organization and others across Greater Toronto have created the China Sichuan Earthquake Relief fund to funnel money to the Chinese Red Cross for relief efforts.

Donations can be made to account 04009072 at Bank of China branches across Canada.

"There is a sense of urgency," Jiang said yesterday after a media conference in Scarborough. "We have to do something now.

"Alone we are not strong enough. We want to help as a community. We join you, or you join us, it doesn't matter. We must work together to maximize the result."

Jiang, who has been in Canada for 20 years, still has family in Sichuan away from the quake zone. They all escaped injury, she said.

Charles Jiang, a financial adviser in Toronto for 12 years after coming to Canada from Sichuan, said he has been unable to reach his sister in the capital, Chengdu, about 90 kilometres from the quake's centre, since aftershocks rumbled through the area. "My parents are safe there, but many people here are worried about their families," he said.

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### MP urges Harper

» Liberal MP Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough-Agincourt) urged Prime Minister Stephen Harper to offer immediate relief to the earthquake-ravaged nation.

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A trapped youth from a school in Beichuan county waits for rescuers yesterday in the earthquake-hit region about 160 kilometres northeast of the epicentre in China's Sichuan province. More coverage, page 8.

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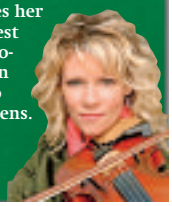

# Newcomers falling back

## Unemployment gap grows: Study

**blue collar vs. white collar**

» StatsCan said immigrants found their jobs in trucking and urban transit — buses, taxis — hotels, and restaurants. Canadian-born workers found more white-collar jobs in public administration, professional, scientific and technical services.

A chorus of voices is demanding that government determines how to help immigrants "hit the ground running" after a comprehensive new study showed the gap in unemployment between newcomers and Canadian-born workers is getting worse. Statistics Canada yesterday reported a rising tide in employment in 2007 has failed to carry recent immigrants with it. And the picture is worse in 2007 than in 2006, particularly in the GTA.

Employment among all working-age immigrants rose slightly across Canada, thanks to a boom in employment for immigrants in Quebec and Alberta and stronger results for established immigrants.

In Ontario, the unemployment rate for immigrants rose slightly to 6.8 per cent in 2007 while the rate for Canadian-born workers stayed the same at 4.4 per cent. For immigrants who have arrived in Ontario in the last five years, the rate is 11.9 per cent; in Toronto it's 12.7.

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# Zoo going ahead with stingray exhibit

## Calgary deaths won't affect Toronto opening

The Toronto Zoo is going ahead with the opening of its stingray exhibit on Friday, even though the mysterious deaths of 35 stingrays at the Calgary Zoo have officials at both zoos scrambling for an explanation.

"It's a shocking event for the zoo community," admitted Shanna Young, spokesperson for the local zoo. "This has caught everyone by surprise. We are a strong community and share how they (Calgary) feel."

Calgary officials are testing the tank water and food supply to try to determine how the stingrays died.

Everything had seemed normal at noon on Sunday. At 1 p.m, the rays lost their appetites and by 3 p.m., they were showing signs of distress. At 4:30 p.m., 26 rays were dead and eight more had died by Monday morning. Another died yesterday.

The zoo says most of the seven stingrays still alive appear to be slowly improving as the wait continues for the results of preliminary water tests. Detailed toxicology tests could take up to two months.

The Calgary exhibit, which opened less than three months ago, remained closed yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Amanda Chambers, from the Metro Toronto Zoo, touches a stingray yesterday as the zoo prepares for its new exhibit.

# Footbridge closing for summer

The city has struggled in vain to provide alternative access to the waterfront for Parkdale residents while the neighbourhood's only safe pedestrian crossing to the beach closes for the summer.

The Jameson Avenue footbridge closes next week for intensive repairs. It's hoped it will reopen in time for the CNE in August.

In the meantime, residents will have to walk an extra 500 metres to Roncesvalles Avenue or Exhibition Place to reach the lake.

The timing worries Victor Willis, executive director of the Parkdale Activity and Recreation Centre, a local centre for low-income residents.

The lakeshore provides much-needed fresh air for thousands of people living in apartment buildings on Jameson, many of whom are elderly or have limited mobility, and who suffer during heat waves, he said.

"The folks that live in those buildings take advantage of the lake. Now, they won't be able to."

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# Man lauded for effort

Philip Kean only wishes he could have done more.

He jumped to the aid of a man who died at the wheel yesterday morning and stayed with him until emergency crews arrived.

The man couldn't be revived, but police have commended his efforts — attention Kean, 54, isn't so comfortable with.

"It was nothing heroic," he says. "I couldn't really do anything for the man."

Police said the incident began as a 73-year-old man was driving his pickup truck along Euclid Avenue when he appeared to have suffered a fatal heart complication.

Toronto police congratulated Kean, saying he helped keep others safe.

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# Attacks racial: Report

## Asian fishermen targeted, says rights commission

**hate crimes**

» The report addresses the challenges in classifying the assaults as hate crimes under the Criminal Code. The commission asks the attorney general to examine how to change the code "to incorporate broader hate-motivated offences."

The Ontario Human Rights Commission has confirmed that attacks on Asian Canadian fishermen are racially motivated, but has stopped short of declaring the acts hate crimes.

"Racism played a role in the harassment and assault of Asian Canadian anglers," chief commissioner Barbara Hall told a news conference yesterday.

"This report also reaffirmed racial profiling exists and that successful communities acknowledge that and take steps to combat it."

Fishing Without Fear laid out more than 50 "commitments" made by various governmental and community groups across the province to "make their communities more welcoming."

The report is the result of a six-month inquiry into physical and verbal assaults against Asian Canadian fisherman.

The attacks, known as "nippertipping" among some locals, came to light after an altercation near Sutton, Ont., led to a car chase. One man was seriously injured as a result, and two charged with assault.

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# Sweet tooth linked to genes: Study

If you have a sweet tooth, it won't be found amongst your molars or canines. It's inserted in your DNA instead.

Cake and cola and cookie lovers may well be able to blame their cravings on a common variant of a gene that controls the brain's ability to sense sugars in the body, a new University of Toronto study suggests. About one in five people has the variant.

The gene may also have implications for a person's risk of getting diabetes.

"In humans this gene functions as a glucose sensor in the brain to regulate appetite or food intake," says U of T nutrition expert Ahmed El-Sohemy, the study's principal author.

People with the variant of the gene GLUT 2 consistently ate more sweets and drank more high-calorie drinks than those with the more common form of it, the study published today in the journal Physiological Genomics found.

The GLUT 2 gene has long been known to be involved in breaking down sugars in the body.

The study began as a look at the gene's pancreatic function and whether it determined how efficiently the body clears sugar from the bloodstream.

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» **COURT** A former Toronto man who made more than $400,000 selling two young girls for sex has pleaded guilty to two counts of human trafficking. Imani Nakpamgi, 25, admitted the crime in a Brampton court yesterday. He was remanded into custody until sentencing on May 26. Police believe it's one of the first human trafficking convictions since legislation was enacted in November 2005 to deal with offenders.

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# Canada like al Qaeda: Dallaire

## Rights of Khadr flouted by U.S. as well: Ex-general

Canada and the United States have sunk to the moral equivalent of terrorists in their handling of a young Canadian held at Guantanamo Bay, says Liberal senator and ex-general Romeo Dallaire.

Dallaire says the two countries have flouted human rights and international conventions in dealing with Omar Khadr and are no better than those who don't believe in rights at all.

He told a House of Commons committee yesterday that Khadr is a victim — a child soldier who should be rehabilitated and reintegrated into society and not tried before what he called an illegal court.

**playing politics**

» Dallaire said the Americans were acting out of panic after 9/11 and Canada was playing politics and that left them no better than the terrorists.

Canada should be bending over backward to bring him home, said Dallaire, formerly Canada's special UN ambassador for children.

Khadr was 15 when he was captured after a firefight in Afghanistan and has been held in the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for six years. American authorities now are attempting to try him before a special tribunal.

Dallaire, whose troubling experiences during the 1994 Rwanda genocide helped make him an outspoken advocate of human rights, said the Khadr case points out a moral equivalence among Canada, the United States and al Qaeda.

The United States is ignoring its own laws in prosecuting Khadr and Canada is betraying itself by not fighting for Khadr's return home, he said.

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# Bountiful mom working to bring daughter home

## Teen taken last month from Texas polygamist group

A B.C. mother living in British Columbia's polygamist community says she's working to bring her daughter back to Canada after the teen was apprehended last month by U.S. child-welfare authorities at a polygamist community in Texas.

The mother said yesterday her family is working through channels that do not include the Canadian government in order to bring the girl home.

"My daughter is down there and we're working on getting her home," the woman said in a telephone interview from Bountiful, located near Creston about 740 kilometres east of Vancouver.

She said her family has yet to contact the Canadian government for help.

"I haven't ventured in to have them help us," said the mother, who will not be identified by The Canadian Press in order to protect the identity of the daughter caught up in the child welfare investigation in Texas.

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**assistance**

» Foreign Affairs has confirmed one Canadian is involved in the child seizures in Texas, but did not provide further details. The government said it was providing diplomatic assistance to the person.

# Summer toys **Fun in the sun**

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Michael di Carlo tries out a Fun Roller yesterday during the Canadian Toy Association's third annual Hot Toys For Summer event in Toronto. The Canadian Toy Association unveiled more than 140 toys, activities and games for outdoor play, rainy days and travel.

**bullying**

## Student charged with assault

**DURHAM REGION** Durham Region police have charged a 15-year-old boy with assault after a 14-year-old was allegedly assaulted during a lunch break in mid-April at Brock High School in Cannington, Ont.

Police allege the accused choked the boy into unconsciousness. Investigators say they learned that the younger boy had been bullied during lunch periods for about 2½ years.

In one alleged assault, the accused shoved the victim down a flight of stairs.

The 15-year-old suspect, from Sunderland, Ont., has been charged with three counts of assault and was removed from the school.

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» **HEALTH** Up to 2,000 front-line nurses in Ontario will soon be getting Palm Pilot-like devices to help them instantly access drug databases, medical dictionaries and reduce medical errors. The devices range in price from $400 to $900 each and the total cost of the project is $3 million.

» **RULES** Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says he was unaware his former chief of staff broke government rules in handing a well-connected Tory an untendered $122,000 contract to write the 2007 budget speech.

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# Quake toll tops 12,000

## Rescue workers keep digging to find more survivors

The toll of the dead and missing soared as rescue workers dug through flattened schools and homes yesterday in a desperate attempt to find survivors of China's worst earthquake in three decades.

The official death toll climbed past 12,000 in Sichuan province, where emergency workers reached the epicentre of the massive quake as night fell. The number appeared certain to rise far higher as rescue and recovery efforts moved forward.

**torch**

» Beijing's Olympic organizers say they will simplify and downscale the Olympic torch relay in the aftermath of the earthquake

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Rescuers search for survivors on a collapsed road in Beichuan county in southwest China yesterday.

Soldiers who hiked past blocked roads located only 2,300 of the 9,000 people of Yinxiu, a town near the epicentre in Wenchuan county, state TV quoted local emergency official He Biao as saying. At least 500 people were confirmed dead in the county, the official Xinhua news agency reported yesterday.

Xinhua said 18,645 people were still buried in debris in and around Mianyang, a city about 100 kilometres east of the epicentre.

All but a handful of the more than 900 upperclassmen at a school in Juyuan were believed trapped under the slabs of cement, bricks, tile and twisted cables. Only one survivor has been found: a girl pulled free by a rescue team.

Unless more survivors are found, the quake will have wiped out the school's entire graduating class and about half its student population.

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# Britain releases UFO reports

## 1984 'sighting' still not explained

The men were air traffic controllers. Experienced, calm professionals. But they were so worried about losing their jobs that they demanded their names be kept off the official report.

No one, they knew, would believe their claim that an unidentified flying object landed at the airport they were overseeing in the east of England. Yet that's what they reported happened at 4 p.m. on April 19, 1984.

The incident is one of hundreds of reported sightings contained in more than 1,000 pages of formerly secret UFO documents released yesterday by Britain's National Archives. It is one of the few that was never explained.

**background**

» Ministry of Defence officials indicate in the files that UFO reports were only investigated to make sure no enemy aircraft had illegally entered British airspace. This was crucial during the Cold War when Russian planes posed a threat.

The men described how they were helping guide a small plane to a landing on runway 22 when they were distracted by a brightly lit object approaching a different runway without clearance.

"SATCO (code name for one controller) reports that the object came in 'at speed,' made a touch and go on runway 27, then departed at 'terrific speed' in a 'near vertical' climb," their report said.

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# Apparent terrorist bombing kills 60 in India

Bombs ripped through crowded parts of the city of Jaipur in western India yesterday, killing 60 people and wounding 150, police said.

The seven explosions took place in markets and several other areas of the city in Rajasthan, a region dotted with palaces and temples that draws hundreds of thousands of tourists every year, said A.S. Gill, the state's police chief.

"Obviously, it's a terrorist plot," he told reporters. "The way it has been done, the attempt was to cause the maximum damage to human life."

He said bicycles may have been used in the bombings. But he did not say if the explosives were detonated by suicide bombers riding through the crowds or if the bombs had been planted on parked bicycles.

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» **USA** Hillary Clinton pulled off a landslide in West Virginia yesterday, providing a morale boost but little help halting Barack Obama's steady march to the Democratic nomination. It was one of the few high points left for Clinton as she plays out the remaining contests of a topsy-turvey race many once thought was hers for the taking. The focus now is on why she's staying and how she'll make her exit since her chances of catching up to Obama's lead in delegates are so remote after more than four months of voting in 46 states.

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# London "Break-ation"

## Two Londoners Lois and Lillian share their favourite 'long weekend' tips and ideas with you.

**Lois**

I live in North London with my husband and kids. My best friend Jane, who lives in New York, is visiting with her family for a long weekend soon and I'm already busy planning lots of fun things for us all to do.

First we'll head over to ZSL London Zoo where the Gorilla Kingdom will be great for our little monkeys! I'm looking forward to seeing the newly restored Victorian birdhouse and I'm sure the kids will enjoy seeing where Harry Potter came face to face with a snake in the Reptile House.

My children have been hinting that we should all go to the world-famous toy store, Hamleys. The atmosphere there is always fun, with lots of toy demonstrations and magic displays. I think my husband and I enjoy it almost as much as the kids! My husband has suggested visiting HMS Belfast, an ex-battleship, which has been turned into a museum. Kids enter free and it's a great place for them to explore all the cabins and decks and find out what life is like on the ocean waves.

In the evening we'll eat in the Rainforest Café. It's such an unusual place, full of the sights and sounds of the jungle, I'm sure we'll all have a giggle. They have a great dessert menu with a chocolate volcano pudding, which I have my eye on!

Getting around will be easy, using public transport. Children under the age of 11 travel free, so that will help our budgets! I know we're going to have lots of fun and the time will just fly by. We're planning on squeezing in as much as possible.

Hamleys

**Getting around will be easy, we'll take public transport, it's so easy to use and children under 11 travel free**

London Zoo

**Lillian**

I moved to London in my twenties and lived there for about 15 years. Whenever I return to London for a visit, I always make sure that I make the most out of my stay.

Once in London, it doesn't take me long to start feeling like a local again. It's such a welcoming city that makes you feel at home right away. Like a real Londoner, I always travel by public transport. I have an Oyster Card, which I reuse each time I visit. It's cheaper than buying a paper ticket and I can use it on buses and the Docklands Light Railway as well.

I'm really interested in art and I love to indulge in my hobbies when I travel. In addition to catching up with friends and family, this visit I'm planning on attending a life drawing class.

Carnaby Street

There is one class you can drop into in Highgate, which sounds perfect.

No trip to London is complete without some shopping time. I like to explore the West End stores, especially some of the quirky boutiques on Carnaby Street. For me the Waterstone's bookstore on Piccadilly is a must, as it's the largest bookshop in Europe!

I'll be able to make my dollars go further on this trip when I change my money at Thomas Cook, the foreign exchange experts with branches across London. With a voucher, I can download from **visitlondon.com** it will be commission free and I'll get discount vouchers for lots of attractions worth £100. I'm definitely going to use one to see the hit show Stomp. Nothing beats the atmosphere and buzz of seeing a West End show.

**It doesn't take me long to start feeling like a local**

To finish off my trip in true local style, I'll head to one of the capital's famous pubs, enjoy a traditional plate of fish and chips and start planning my next trip to London!

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## »news In Brief

» **STAR CHOICE** The CBC is complaining to Canada's broadcast regulator about satellite provider Star Choice's decision to stop carrying its Saskatchewan station and four other stations across the country last week, including SunTV in Toronto.

» **CHALLENGE** Ford Motor Co. is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its Model T with a challenge. The automaker is asking five universities to create a vehicle that shares what Ford says are attributes of the Model T: Simple, lightweight, practical and compelling. Ford says the vehicle should be priced below $7,000 US.

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## renovation

### Rona sees profits crash 90 per cent

**STALLED** Consumers worried about economic weakness in the U.S. and rising prices at the gas pump aren't spending as freely in its stores this year, Rona Inc. said. The country's biggest Canadian-owned home improvement retailer said severe winter storms in Ontario contributed to a nearly 90 per cent decline in profits in the previous three-month period as construction and renovation activity stalled.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Attendants fly for free

## Disabled, obese can't be charged for second seat

The Federal Court of Appeal has turned down Canada's two major airlines, which challenged an order that they make exceptions to the one-person, one-fare policy in certain situations involving disabled travellers that need more than one seat.

The court ruling means airlines will have 12 months to draft regulations to allow for a second seat at no extra cost for disabled individuals when one is required for an attendant. It would also apply to obese people who need an extra seat.

### other services

» A similar requirement is already in place for trains, buses and marine services, and the Canadian Transportation Agency ruled in January the airlines must also offer a single fare to travellers with disabilities and attendants who travel with them.

The Council of Canadians with Disabilities said it believes the ruling is the first of its kind in the world that would require airlines to make such an accommodation to disabled passengers.

Air Canada and WestJet sought to appeal the ruling, but the request was turned down last week.

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# sports

The New York Knicks introduced Mike D'Antoni, left, as their new coach yesterday. D'Antoni agreed to leave the Phoenix Suns for the Knicks on Saturday, taking over a team coming off a 23-59 finish. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Pens close in on final

## Pittsburgh uses defence to take commanding lead

**PENGUINS 4 FLYERS 1**

Pittsburgh Penguins unveiled yet another page from their playbook last night, suffocating the Philadelphia Flyers with a defensive gem that put them just one win away from the Stanley Cup final.

Marian Hossa had two goals, while Ryan Malone and Ryan Whitney also scored for the visiting Penguins in a 4-1 victory that put them on the verge of a four-game sweep in the Eastern Conference final. And a likely date with Detroit in the Cup final, the Red Wings also up 3-0 in their conference final with the Dallas Stars.

The Flyers have no answers for a Penguins team that's beat them with their offensive stars, their fourth line, and last night with a New Jersey Devils-like defensive masterpiece.

"They're committed defensively right now," Flyers head coach John Stevens said of the Penguins. "Everyone talks about their offence, but they're really committed defensively.

"They're on a roll ... We're getting outplayed right now and we have to dig in."

Marc-Andre Fleury made 17 saves for the Penguins, who jumped out to a commanding 3-0 series lead for the third consecutive playoff round. They can wrap it up tomorrow night in Philly.

R.J. Umberger had the lone goal for the Flyers, who were playing without their top two defencemen in Kimmo Timonen (blood clot) and Braydon Coburn (facial injury). Martin Biron made 21 saves in the Flyers net. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Flyers centre Mike Richards is checked hard by Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby last night during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals in Philadelphia.

# Pistons power into East finals

## Magic finished off in just five games

**PISTONS 91 MAGIC 86**

The Detroit Pistons made just enough shots and stops to advance to the NBA's Eastern Conference finals for a sixth straight year.

Richard Hamilton scored 19 of his 31 points in the first half, made victory-sealing free throws late in the game and Tayshaun Prince had a key block, helping Detroit hold off the Orlando Magic for a 91-86 win last night in Game 5 of the second-round series.

The Pistons will have a break before facing the Boston Celtics or Cleveland Cavaliers in the conference finals.

Detroit made just 36 per cent of its shots and allowed the Magic to make nearly half of their attempts, but made up for the disparity at the line and by taking care of the ball.

The Pistons were 28-of-32 at the line and had just three turnovers while Orlando was 16-of-28 and had a playoff-high 21 turnovers, which turned into 34 points for Detroit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Detroit Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince moves the ball inside against Orlando's Keith Bogans last night during Game 5 of their Eastern Conference semifinals series.

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Game 4 — Tomorrow
Detroit at Dallas, 8
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Dallas at Detroit, 1:30
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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND**
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Boston at Cleveland, 8
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Game 5 — Last night
Detroit 91 Orlando 86
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L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10:30
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Game 6 — Tomorrow
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# Maple bat ban talk could get stickier

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Baseball's Battle of Bats starts next week.

That's when major-league executives will formally ask players to stop stepping to the plate with maple bats. The execs will ask them to use ash bats instead.

The requests, of course, will be denied by the players' association since nearly half the hitters in MLB — including the Blue Jays' **Vernon Wells** — prefer maple. It's been this way since Ottawa manufacturer **Sam Holman** first introduced maple bats to sluggers such as **Joe Carter** and Barry Bonds late last decade.

Many feel maple bats are harder than ash bats and enhance their power and hitting abilities.

> « *Maple has no advantage in getting a longer hit over an ash bat.* »
>
> *Jim Sherwood of the Baseball Research Centre at the University of Massachusetts*

As reported here yesterday, however, MLB wants to abolish maple bats because of concerns that they're shattering too frequently and endangering lives.

What we didn't mention yesterday is that a researcher hired by MLB has found that maple is actually no better for batters than ash.

"The two woods are essentially the same at batted-ball speeds," said **Jim Sherwood** of the Baseball Research Centre at the University of Massachusetts. "Maple has no advantage in getting a longer hit over an ash bat."

Sherwood also discovered that, while ash bats crack, maple bats snap, causing sharp-ended barrels to fly often and unpredictably.

Armed with Sherwood's information, MLB will tell the union that safety should come first and that maple bats must go.

"We'll meet on this," union chief **Don Fehr** acknowledged. "We'll look at it in good faith."

Yeah, right. This is a battle that'll become a war.

» Snicker over this tidbit if you'd like, (although it's really no funnier than the preseason prediction by analyst/homer **Rance Mulliniks** that the woebegone Jays would win the World Series this year): A source hears manager **John Gibbons** gets axed soon and replaced by — brace yourself — ex-skipper **Cito Gaston**, who'll try to pass on his hitting wisdom ... In Florida, the Tampa Bay Rays are for real, for sure, but the Marlins? Not so much. They're winning, granted, but only three of their victories in the season's first quarter were against above-.500 teams, and they're 8-1 against the hapless Washington Nationals ... The Nats were so elated with their 10-4 victory over the Mets Monday that "they were cheerleading in the dugout like a bunch of softball girls," according to New York pitcher **Nelson Figueroa**.

» And so the CFL does no notable recruiting in the entire off-season except for receivers **David Boston** and, likely, **Charles Rogers** — two NFL discards with drug histories.

And the CFL still has no drug policy?

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## »sports In Brief

» **LPGA** Calling her decision one she'd "been thinking about for a while," Annika Sorenstam said yesterday she will retire after the season. The 37-year-old Swede ends an LPGA Tour career in which she has won 72 tournaments to date.

» **DOPING** Barry Bonds was charged in a new indictment yesterday with 15 felony counts alleging he lied to a grand jury when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs and that he hampered the federal government's doping investigation.

» **CFL** Veteran linebacker Mike O'Shea re-signed with the Toronto Argonauts yesterday, agreeing to a one-year contract with a club option for the 2009 season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Lewis leads Hall inductees

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Former world heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis, the Olympic champion 4x100-metre relay team, hockey's Steve Yzerman, swimmer Nancy Garapick and short-track speedskater Marc Gagnon are all headed to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

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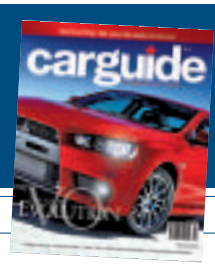

The MX-5 is still one of the world's best handling cars; the PRHT simply allows you to enjoy its wonderful attributes and grin-generating dynamics year round.

# MX-5 fun for all seasons

## Mazda makes no compromise with convertible

By **B. MCLAUCHLAN**
for Metro Toronto

### 2008 Mazda MX-5 PRHT GX

- Type: Compact 2-pass roadster RWD
- Price: $31,390
- Engine: 2.0L L4 DOHC
- HP: 166 @ 6,700 rpm
- Torque: 140 @ 5,000 rpm

### Highlights:

- Driving experience
- Power hardtop makes it a four-season fun house

Our first thought when we clapped eyes on the tin-top version of the Mazda MX-5 was a very practical one. The heady charms of warm weather open-air motoring are a given, but how will this convertible with a power, folding hardtop fare against the freeze-unfreeze-refreeze of our winter climate? How good will this two-seater really be at keeping its driver and passenger warm?

The answer is very well, as a matter of fact. All the wind-in-your-face fun is still there but even the tail end of one of the harshest winters in recent memory couldn't dampen our enthusiasm for this little charmer.

Mazda has done something quite remarkable with the design of the MX-5 PRHT (Power Retractable Hard Top) by designing a fully powered retractable metal hardtop that stores away into the exact same space that the cloth roof would — without nibbling into precious cargo space. Oh, and the whole shebang only added 40 kilograms to the MX-5's already slender waistline.

The two-piece top attaches with the same single latch as the standard MX-5's cloth top, and two buttons now flank the emergency flashers on the dash to raise or lower the roof. The procedure is elegant and simple. Fast, too, as the whole operation takes about 12 seconds.

This brings the ham-handed soft top design of its main market rivals into even sharper focus; the Saturn Sky and its Pontiac Solstice corporate cousin still have the most frustrating convertible storage system, a 10-step program of frayed nerves, pinched fingers and silent curses.

Back to the MX-5 … the good news is the PRHT treatment is available right across the model range, from the base GX ($28,195) through the GS ($31,350) to the top-level GT ($34,500). The better news is that it costs a very reasonable $2,195 — a lot less than a good winter beater, safety inspection and extra insurance.

Plus, the PRHT adds some nice visual touches like chrome on the headlight bezels, front grille surround and the outer door handles.

Two buttons now flank the emergency flashers on the dash to raise or lower the roof.

Our loaded GT tester also had welcome extras like heated leather seats and, thanks to the $1,355 GT Performance Pack, a firmer ride, a limited slip differential and Directional Stability Control. A six-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters (the GS gets a standard five-speed manual while the GX comes with a six-speed manual) is available for an additional $1,255.

On the road, the PRHT is a pure joy to drive. Power is good but not overwhelming. Handling is exceptional, the engine loves to be revved and the short-throw shifter is a pleasure to guide through the gears.

In either form, the MX-5 is still one of the world's best handling cars; the PRHT simply allows you to enjoy its wonderful attributes and grin-generating dynamics year round … with proper winter tires, of course.

# 2009 Mazda6 sedan revealed

Mazda has confirmed its all-new Mazda6 sports sedan will launch later this year, with an expected on-sale date in late summer.

The 2009 Mazda6 is the first of Mazda's "Zoom-Zoom Evolution" second-generation vehicles. The second-generation Mazda6 delivers a combination of sophistication, build quality and product insight not currently found in the market.

"This is a very important vehicle for us because the sales potential is so great," said Don Romano, president of Mazda Canada. "The mid-size sedan segment — where Mazda6 competes — is a real battle-ground, with some of the best vehicles in the industry going toe-to-toe for sales. This new Mazda6 was designed and engineered specifically for the North American market — the third Mazda in a row to be so — and will take on the very best cars from Asia, Europe and North America."

**options**

» The 2009 Mazda6 will be available only as a four-door sedan. Both the 2.5 and V6 will be available in GS or GT trim grades, with varying levels of standard and optional equipment.

The North American Mazda6 differs from the similarly named car sold in the rest of the world in many ways: Larger interior and exterior size, more powerful engines and unique styling.

Power comes from an all-new 2.5-litre, four-cylinder engine and a 3.7-litre V6 as used in the '08 CX-9 crossover SUV. Transmission choices are a six-speed manual or five-speed Sport AT automatic with manual-shift mode (2.5-litre engine), or a six-speed Sport AT automatic with manual-shift mode (3.7-litre V6).

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# Rating Nissan's Rogue

## Driving event puts compact crossover to the test

The Nissan Rogue

Six southern Ontario couples, representative of the new Nissan Rogue's target market, experienced what professional auto writers take for granted recently when they were invited to drive the compact crossover and give their impressions of it.

Their "Rogue Weekend" began with an advanced driving course at the PMG Technologies skidpad near Montréal, and concluded with an extensive two-day test drive to Ottawa over a variety of back roads and highways in real winter conditions.

It began to snow as the group arrived at PMG Technologies where they were met by professional racing driver-turned-instructor, Guy Lahaie of Trois Rivieres, Que.

Lahaie's mission: To teach the group advanced driving skills with the focus on skid control, proper use of the anti-lock braking system, and collision avoidance techniques.

As the snowfall intensified, the drivers took turns through the various courses and with each consecutive pass, their confidence and skill levels rose.

From Blaineville, the group motored to Chateau Montebello where they anticipated a challenging drive to Ottawa the next morning through spectacular Laurentian Mountains scenery.

Sean Kavanaugh of Burlington liked the steering wheel's wide range of position settings, large print and easily identifiable switches and controls, while his wife, Allison, especially liked the heated seats and seatbacks.

Six-foot-tall Ally Isted, also of Burlington, found entering and exiting the vehicle "extremely easy."

Everything important was easily within reach for Eva Choe of Toronto, who liked the seat warmers and the large, round knobs for the heating and air conditioning.

Jeff Chan of Hamilton offered kudos for "great seats and height adjustments on the non-powered front seat in his tester."

For Frank Verrilli of Toronto: "The radio controls in the steering wheel make it easier for the single driver, as well as safer."

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"We purposely drove over bumps to get a feel for the ride comfort level," said Ally Isted, "and the bumps felt almost non-existent."

All around visibility was "quite good," said Mat Rodriguez, though the view directly rearward was restricted by the "smallish back window," a point noted by more than half the drivers.

Tammy Chan found the brakes quick to respond and weren't too touchy. "The steering wheel felt like a true extension of my arms," she said.

Said hubby Jeff, "the ride is slightly stiff, but I'll take that over a tall vehicle that wants to lean in the corners."

The Vehicle Dynamic Control "made a huge difference" during the car control exercises, said Monika Bujalska of Toronto. Even through slalom cones on snow and ice, "the vehicle responds remarkably to steering commands."

Oscar Valencia, who moved to Canada from Columbia nine years ago, noted that a big part of driving in Canada "is doing it in snowy conditions, and this car responded perfectly."

"When I slammed on the brakes, I was still in control and was able to steer where I wanted to go," said Allison Kavanaugh.

The continuously-variable transmission was a unanimous hit. "Totally seamless and extremely smooth," pronounced Oscar Valencia. "I'm sold," said Jeff Chan.

Tammy Chan found backseat room "nice and tall with lots of leg room. We could easily load up our kids and their three hockey bags."

Lanky Paul Constantin of Burlington found "plenty of foot room" under the front seats. "The spare tire is in a convenient place (under the cargo floor) and the bolt that holds it on can't get rusty (in that location)."

Several drivers noted the front passenger seatback flipped forward a tad too forcefully when unlatched.

In the end, the Rogue received high marks all around, with 75 per cent of the drivers saying it exceeded their expectations, and the remaining quarter saying it met theirs.

Thirty-three per cent (four drivers) rated the Rogue as "excellent" value for money and 50 per cent viewed it as "above average." Two drivers called it "good" value.

Not only did Rogue exceed Ally Isted's expectations, especially when considering the price range in which it competes, "it also proved to me that Nissan can build a vehicle that has high appeal for women drivers" as well as for men.

**FROM THE EDITORS OF CARGUIDE**

### Q&A with Nissan Canada president, Mark Grimm

» **CARGUIDE:** What sets the new Nissan Rogue apart from the small crossover-utility segment?
**MARK GRIMM:** Rogue answers consumers' demands for an expressively styled, small crossover that offers the utility they need and value they require. It looks and feels like a premium vehicle, yet Rogue's low price and high fuel efficiency make it affordable to buy and inexpensive to operate. Rogue's combination of style, versatile utility and on-road performance make it a superior choice. It offers a full complement of standard safety equipment, including ABS brakes, vehicle dynamic control (VDC) and front, side and curtain supplemental airbags. Its roomy interior and innovative utility features mean that it is ready to handle day-to-day journeys or multi-week adventures.
» **CG:** What are the vehicle's main selling points?
**MG:** The Rogue's exterior was designed to present an image of modern sophistication ... With its driver-focused cockpit, combined with state-of-the-art technology, like intuitive All-Wheel Drive, Xtronic CVT, Bluetooth hands-free phone system and paddle shifters, it will shift the way customers think about small crossovers. It comes packed with a long list of standard safety features like front seat-mounted side-impact and roof-mounted curtain supplemental air bags, anti-lock braking system, stability control (VDC), traction control, tire pressure monitoring and more.
» **CG:** Where do you see this market going over the next five to 10 years?
**MG:** This segment has been growing rapidly and is now the third largest segment in the market. This shows a clear direction in consumer demand. The available choices to satisfy that need will probably expand and whether they are all crossovers or take some other form is what makes this business exciting.

Land Rover driver Tim Townsend and his set of Avon Rangemaster tires have driven 188,250 kilometres.

# Brit driver's unstoppable tires

## Set of rubber lasts whopping 188,250 kms

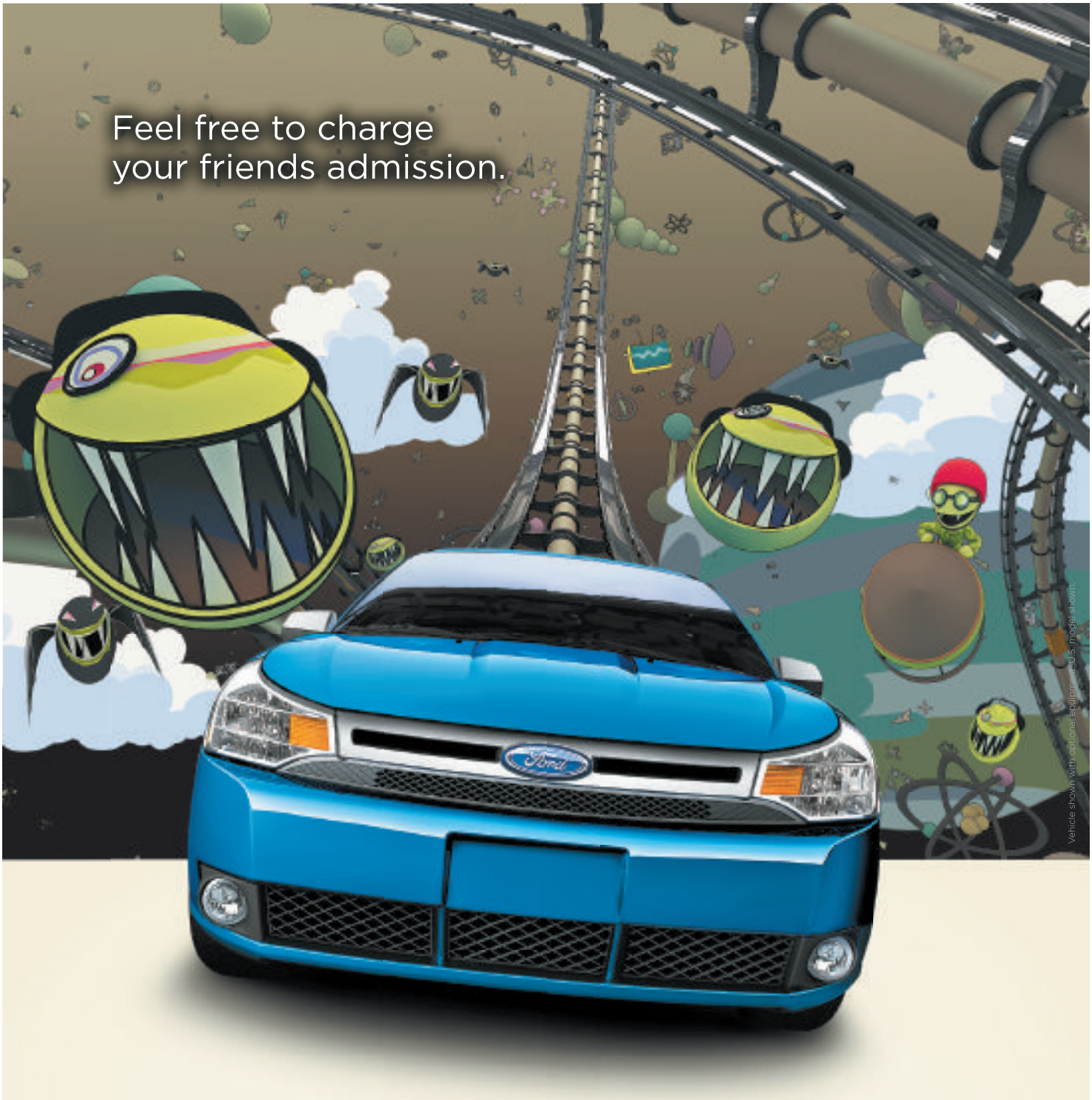
For most motorists, replacing tires is an occurrence that comes around once every two or three years, depending on their annual mileage.

But for Land Rover driver Tim Townsend and his set of Avon Rangemaster tires, that hasn't been a problem.

His Defender 90 has completed a whopping 117,000 miles (188,250 km) with the same set of rubber — the equivalent of five trips around the globe.

Townsend said he was "amazed, flabbergasted and grateful" by the performance. Living on the edge of England's rugged Peak District, the tires have coped with snow, deep mud, shingle, rocky terrain, riverbeds and motorways during his work as a builder in Glossop, Derbyshire.

Manufacturers typically recommend tires should be replaced at least every five years, although legal tread depth limits can come sooner with high-mileage vehicles.

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# Decor tips on the go

## French carmaker Citroën offers design ideas

If you're looking for some inspiration to redesign your home, it might be worth taking a few pointers from the car on your own drive.

French automaker Citroën, the company that brought you the $200,000 designer garage for its executive C6, has branched out into interior design with its new Paris show, C_Chic, at the company's Champs-Elysées brand centre.

Displayed on the sensational revolving platforms of the centre's cavernous rotunda are three room installations designed to echo the creative styling cues of Citroën's latest model, the new C5, to create the ultimate automotive-inspired apartment.

Using renowned designer style brands such as Louis Vuitton, Bisazza and Aquamass, the C_Chic's display rooms have been created to give C5 owners (and everyone else) inspiration for some truly luxurious home furnishing ideas.

With a model living room, bathroom and bedroom, the C5 show apartment features sophisticated styling with premium and luxurious materials throughout such as a sumptuous leather sofa in the "lounge-themed" living room, and expensive ceramics and spot lighting in the bright and minimalist bathroom.

The black and chrome "Force Latine" design of the bedroom provides a refined sleeping space with its dark and brooding colour palette.

Since it opened in 2007, the brand centre has welcomed more than a million visitors, who come to learn more about one of France's most beloved and iconic companies … as well as picking up some home decorating tips.

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## Subaru

### 2009 Forester prices announced

**MODEL** Mississauga-based Subaru Canada Inc. has set a $25,795 to $34,895 price range for its new third-generation 2009 Forester model, now appearing in showrooms across the country.

Lower than its predecessor, the new Forester sits on a longer new platform that improves ride as well as interior space, especially rear seat legroom.

The well-equipped "base" Forester 2.5X has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of $25,795 when fitted with the standard manual transmission — that's $1,200 less than the '08 model. Starting at $27,995, the Forester 2.5X Touring model is $1,000 less than before. The step-up 2.5X Limited is equipped with extra features, yet at $32,395 starts at $3,700 less than the previous version. And the loaded Forester 2.5XT Limited retails for $34,895 — a whopping $4,100 less than the model it replaces.

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## What causes DIP-LASH?

Using Miracle Whip dressing to make any dip can result in DIP-LASH. Some of the most likely causes can be found below. Familiarize yourself with these recipes and ingredients and alert your friends and family.

### PARMESAN CONFETTI DIP

Prep: 10 min Ready In: 10 min Serves: 20

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup sour cream + 1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1/2 cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing + 1/2 cup each: finely chopped green and red pepper + 1/2 tsp. garlic powder

DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX 2) REFRIGERATE 3) SERVE

### HOT ARTICHOKE-PARMESAN DIP

Prep: 5 min Ready In: 20 min Serves: 18

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing + 1 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1 can (398 mL) artichoke hearts, drained, coarsely chopped + 2 green onions, chopped.

DIRECTIONS: 1) PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Mix all ingredients until well blended. 2) SPOON into 9-inch pie plate. 3) BAKE 15 min. or until hot and bubbly.

### CREAMY FIESTA DIP

Prep: 10 min Ready In: 10 min Serves: 20

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing + 1 cup sour cream + 1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1 cup chunky salsa

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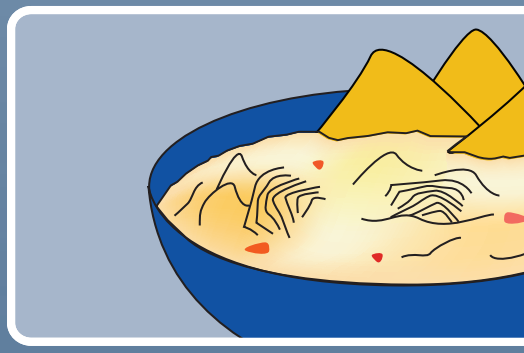

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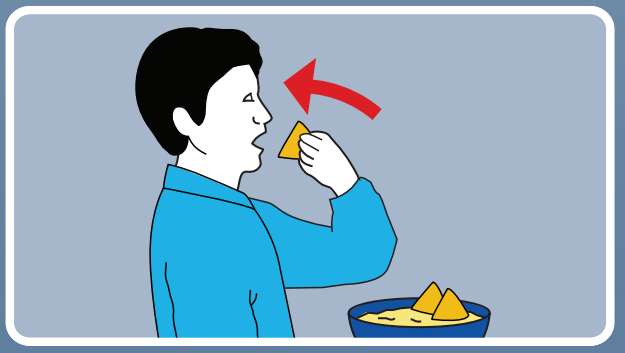

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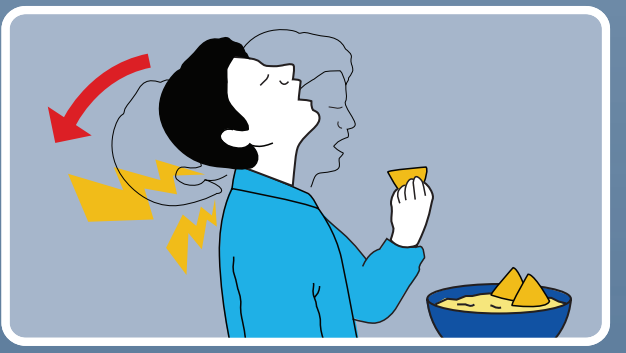

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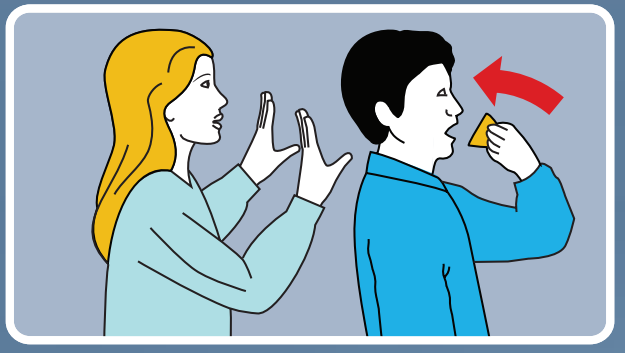

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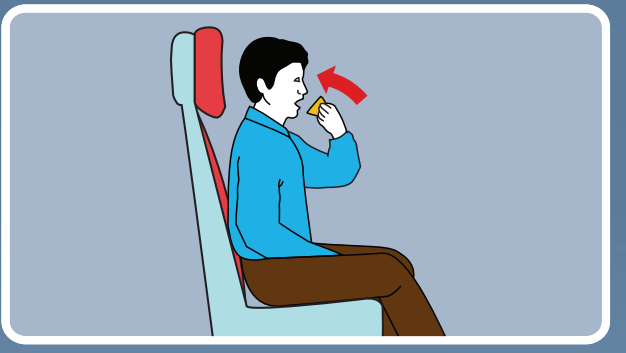

If a spotter is unavailable, enjoy your dip in an upright, seated position – preferably in a high-backed, padded chair.

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One&Only luxury resorts can now boast their very own line of espadrilles by revered designer Christian Louboutin. The $366 shoes will be sold at their glamorous beach properties in Mauritius, the Bahamas, Mexico, Dubai and the Maldives. METRO WORLD NEWS



# Your tour guide to Budapest

## Ancient city suits travel budgets large and small

By **SZONJA KREZINGER**
Metro World News

This beautiful city with its grand 19th century buildings offers the perfect ingredients for a summer city break: stunning architecture, delicious food, fun people, beautiful weather, museums full of fabulous art, public parks, swimming pools and spas to loaf in, and most importantly, prices that won't break the bank.

### where to stay

**BUDGET:**

**EASYHOTEL OKTOGON** — This budget hotel opened in the centre of town last October. Book ahead to get the best deals. You won't get a mini bar, room service or turndown, but the hotel is still perfect for travellers low on cash. 1067 Eötvös utca 25/a, *easyhotel.com.*

**MID-RANGE:**

**IBIS HOTEL VÁCI ÚT** — This is a chain hotel with clean, basic, cheap rooms, and it's just three underground stops away from the city centre. From $121. 1134 Dózsa György út 65, *www.accor-pannonia.hu.*

**DELUXE:**

**FOUR SEASONS GRESHAM PALACE BUDAPEST** — Regarded as one of the world's finest Art Nouveau buildings, this majestic landmark overlooks the Danube. Even if you can't afford the five-star room rates, you can still visit the lobby to see the original stained glass windows, elegant ironwork, intricate mosaics and grand staircases. 1051 Roosevelt tér 5-6. *www.fourseasons.com/budapest.*

The Millenium City Centre.

### what to see

Even a stroll down the streets of Budapest can be a cultural experience. Andrássy út — the avenue leading from Hősök tere (Heroes Square) to Erzsébet tér — is where you'll find the major theatres and museums, is a UNESCO World Heritage site, as is the underground that you can hop on to get around town.

Alternatively, cross the Danube to the Buda side and check out the Castle Area, where you'll find more museums and have splendid view of Pest, also a World Heritage site.

In the summer, cool down by taking a trip across Margaret Bridge to Margaret Island, which has beaches that are thronged with locals in warm weather. There's a huge spa and swimming pool, as well as an open-air theatre and fields to roam through.

Back in the centre of Budapest, take a pit stop at one of the cafés at Liszt Ferenc tér before paying a visit to the Palace Of Arts and the National Theatre at the new Millennial City Centre.

Newly opened bar Callas.

Heroes Sqaure, close to major theatres and museums, is also a UNESCO World Hertiage Site.

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### where to shop

Pick salamis are the finest in Hungary: find the whole selection at their store near to the Parliament at Kossuth Lajos. tér 9.

For Budapest's best contemporary designer clothes, visit Vass Éva's shop at Paulay Ede utca 67 *www.vasseva.com.* Éva also designs costumes for movies and theatre.

Hungarian music may not be well known in the rest of the world, but you can learn about the local sounds at music stores throughout the city. For curiosities, visit the smaller second-hand music shops alongside Nagykörút.

If you're looking for souvenirs, avoid the usual folk-costume-wearing dolls and check out Repülő tehén instead, where they stock cool gifts; Veres Pálné utca 40, *www.repulotehen.hu.*

The city's nicest market is Központi Vásárcsarnok (Central Marketplace) at Fővám tér 1-3, where producers sell fresh meat, fruit and specialities, and where you can observe a bit of local life.

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Left, the exterior of Budapest's Gellért Thermal Bath, which opened in 1918. Right, the scene at underground music venue Rocktagon.

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## where to take the waters

Budapest has been a popular spa destination since Roman times, with steam rooms that utilize the healing properties of the area's natural springs. The most famous Budapest spas are those built at the turn of the 19th century, when bathing culture was booming in Europe.

Even if you don't have a skin or joint condition that needs treating, visit the baths for a relaxing day out, or even just to admire the architecture.

**GELLÉRT THERMAL BATH** — The history of taking the water here dates back to the 15th century. In 1918, a beautiful hotel was built on the spring, with a splendid spa that's now open for both hotel guests and day visitors. Inside, a variety of steam rooms and pools offer different health benefits, and outside are several pools and sunbathing areas.

The massages here may be no-frill, but they're still thorough and excellent. Entrance from $17 for swimming pool with locker. Budapest, Kelenhegyi út 4, *www.gellertbath.com.*

**SZÉCHENYI BATH** — One of the largest spa complexes in Europe, the Neo-Baroque Széchenyi was built in 1913 and offers 15 different pools and baths. Many people come here for a course of therapeutic treatments, but it's also a great place to come for the day. Soak in the thermal pools, or sunbathe and book a massage on the terrace. Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 11.

**OMOROVICZA** — If you prefer your beauty treatments more upscale than what's on offer at the local spas, try the flagship salon of luxury beauty brand Omorovicza.

This beauty company, run by a glamorous young Budapest couple, uses minerals from Hungarian healing waters to produce high-quality face products that are sold in prestigious stories including Harrods in London and Neiman Marcus in the US.

In their exquisite salon on the historic Andrassy Avenue, their highly-skilled therapists provide facials that will transform your complexion. 2 Andrassy Ut, 1061 Budapest, Hungary, *www.omorovicza.com.*

## where to eat

**MÁTYÁS PINCE** — This is the place to go to if you want to find out what Hungarian food really tastes like.

The listed interiors feature frescos and stained glass windows recounting scenes from the life of King Matthias (15th century) and the waiters wear traditional costume.

There's live gypsy music at lunchtime and in the evening. Main courses around $15. Budapest Március 15. tér 7.

**SPOON CAFE & LOUNGE** — Trendy café and restaurant on a 75-metre, three-decked

docked boat on the river Danube with a beautiful view over the Buda part of the city. Good for a business meeting or a celebration.

Main courses from $25. Spoon is on the River Danube in front of the Hotel InterContinental on the Pest side, *www.spooncafe.hu*

**GUNDEL** — Voted best restaurant in Budapest a number of times since it was established in the city park in 1910, Gundel is the city's most esteemed traditional restaurant. Dine on goose liver, caviar, venison and pheasant in their ornate interior salons, or book a table for your group outside on the terrace if it's summer. Main courses from $27.Budapest Állatkerti út 2, *www.gundel.hu.*

## where to dance

**ALOE CAFÉ** — A popular place with a younger crowd, thanks to its cheap prices. Budaoest Zichy Jenő utca 37, *www.aloecafe.hu.*

**CALLAS** — A newly-opened bar designed by David Collins, a friend and designer of Madonna's. Budapest, VI.ker. Andrássy út 20, *www.callascafe.hu.*

**MORRISON'S MUSIC CLUB** — For 14 years this bar has hosted those who want to have a drink and a dance as well, with free beers on Monday until 11 p.m. Budapest Révasy utca 25, *www.morrisons.hu.*

## where to drink

**ROCKTOGON** — An underground venue where you can discover Hungarian rock. Entrance: $3.80. Beers from $2. Concerts start at 8 p.m. Budapest Mozsár u. 9, *rocktogon.hu.*

**CAFE RIO** — A really trendy open-air bar on the Buda side of the city. Not the place for teenagers, with its grown up prices: beers from $3, cocktails at $9. Located at the Buda end of Petőfi bridge, *www.rio.hu.*

**MOULIN ROUGE** — An all in one destination with a cafe, disco, restaurant and bar. This glamorous spot boasts original turn of the century features.

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## Protecting St Pancras station

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Travellers boarding the Eurostar train to Paris should not be alarmed to see a bird of prey swooping across London's St. Pancras station, which is the new terminus for the high-speed train service. London & Continental Railways has introduced a team of Harris Hawks to scare off the many pigeons that would otherwise pollute the new station.

### environment

## Industry pushes motor coach use

**BUSES** Canadian motor coach operators are looking to boost their appeal by highlighting the environmental advantages of bus travel. A brochure issued by Motor Coach Canada and the Ontario Motor Coach Association points out buses use significantly less fuel per passenger than cars. Titled "Reduce your footprint, take a motor coach," the brochure is one of the ways the two transportation groups are promoting the motor coach and tour industry in Canada, said Dave Willis of Ayr Coach Lines in Waterloo, Ont. The brochure is online at *motorcoachcanada.com*. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### disney world

## Issues in line land one mom in jail

**VIOLENCE** A mother convicted of beating another woman at Walt Disney World for allegedly cutting in line has been sentenced to 90 days in jail. Victoria Walker apologized to the victim and was given credit for 32 days already served. The Anniston, Ala., woman was accused of beating and kicking Aimee Krause in May 2007 in line at Disney's Mad Tea Party. Judge Jose Rodriguez said he took into account Walker's remorse. She admitted pulling Krause's hair but said the central Florida woman provoked her. Walker was taken into custody in Alabama and extradited to Florida months after the incident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### watermelon

## Seeds will fly at Watermelon Fest

**EVENT** The watermelon seeds will fly again in Pardeeville. The 41st annual Watermelon Festival, complete with its trademark seed-spitting contest, has got the go-ahead after a core of about 10 volunteers stepped forward to run the event.

A decline in volunteers in recent years left only a few people trying to put on the festival. When a community meeting on the festival was held, few people turned out and planners said the festival might be called off. But festival chairman Clark Hodgson said a group of residents met and decided they have enough people to hold the festival scheduled for Sept. 6. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Wellness destination offers mystical twist

## Quebec retreat features Vedic palmistry analysis

By **ANNE DIMON**
for Metro Toronto

**Left, the lakeside chalet at the Birla Centre for Hast Iyotish in Chenevilee, Que. Right, a palm being inked prior to analysis.**

The soulful cry of a loon pulls me from one of the best sleeps I've had in a long time. Who wouldn't sleep well here? The serene, lakeside setting that's been home to The Birla Centre for Hast Jyotish since 1972 is most conducive to shuteye and the lost art of simple relaxation.

Sleep aside, I'm here to have my palm read. If you're thinking, "Yeah right, palm reading, crystal balls and tea leaves," I, too, was a little skeptical. But not anymore.

Set up like a small village and surrounded by rolling farmlands about an hour's drive northeast of Ottawa in the town of Cheneville, Que., The Birla Centre is the largest Vedic palmist institute of its kind in North America.

Vedic Palmistry (a.ka. Hast Jyotish), which originated in India some 5,000 years back, is the study of the structure and markings of the human hand. Its purpose is to help one gain self-understanding, so don't expect to hear you're going to meet your true love or receive an unexpected windfall.

Under the direction of master Vedic palmist, astrologer, author, lecturer and teacher Ghanshyam Singh Birla, who came to Canada from India in 1970, the institute offers a government-recognized Palmistry Diploma. At the time of my visit, Patricia, a yoga instructor from Germany, was here on a three-week study program.

The centre is also a healing retreat."People come here for body, mind and spirit," says Guylaine Vallée, one of the many palmist-astrologers trained by Ghanshyam.

Each session begins with a hand inking and imprint making. Next, in a private office, Vallée, a palmist for the last 23 years, pours me a cup of mint tea and launches into the 50-minute analysis, which takes me through her thesis on who I am and what I need to do to improve my life.

She's astonishingly accurate. One of the many things she points out is that I'm very creative, but I do too many things too quickly, and I need to learn to relax more. She recommends yoga, meditation and massage. Coincidentally, I'm booked for a massage immediately following the session.

There is no actual spa here, only Ayurvedic massages such as the one I'm scheduled for at the hands of therapist Chandan Rugenius. The special blended oils he uses and the colour therapy lights over the treatment table are all designed to help a body relax.

While this 100-minute massage (which includes reflexology) may seem like a long time — it's pretty standard here where massages can actually be extended up to four hours for someone with specific health problems or who is experiencing blockages (due to extreme stress, for instance).

Like everyone else here in this wellness community, Rugenius is multi-tasking — therapist, palmist, yoga instructor and meditation coach.

In the meditation pavilion overlooking the lake, he gives me a quick lesson on meditation, a practice that will help still mind, calm the body and — according to widespread belief — helps preserve the body and extend life.

Except for the new, two-storey, self-contained four-bedroom log guest house with its beautiful stone fireplace, the collection of buildings that make up the centre are more homey than fancy, and there's a feeling of "camp comfort" that prevails. All meals are vegetarian and are mostly Indian cuisine, with recipes taken from the institute's own cookbook, Simple Pleasure Of The Indian Table.

Along with palm reading, yoga, meditation, detox and Ayuvedic massages, there are walking trails on the 500-acre property, paddling activities and, of course, catching up on much needed snooze time.

Anne Dimon is a spa and wellness travel writer and founder/editor of www.travel-towellness.com

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# Canada's best beaches

Point Pelee, Ont., located at the southernmost tip of mainland Canada, is one of the 25 greatest beaches in Canada, according to Canadian Geographic Travel magazine.

Bennett Beach, south of Whitehorse, is "one of the Yukon's best-kept secrets," featuring high dunes and two kilometres of white sand, says the magazine.

Wasaga Beach, 14 kilometres long, on Georgian Bay is known as the world's longest freshwater beach. At Cape Enrage, N.B., the beach lies at the foot of 46-metre-high sandstone cliffs, and at low tide it's "littered with plant fossils peeled from the cliffs." And at Plage de la Dune-du-Nord on Iles de la Madeleine, red cliffs provide a picturesque landscape for long walks. Other top beach settings listed include Okanagan Valley, B.C.; Kluane Lake, Yukon; Cold Lake, Alta.; Watrous, Sask.; Lake Winnipeg, Man.; Sandbanks Provincial Park, Ont.; Hopewell Cape, N.B.; Shediac, N.B.; Cape Breton Highlands National Park, N.S.; Prince Edward Island National Park; the Arches Provincial Park, N.L.; and Pinware River Provincial Park, N.L.

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The Sandbanks Provincial Park is one of the 25 best beaches in Canada, says Canadian Geographic Travel magazine.

# Alligator immortalized

The most famous resident of Okefenokee Swamp Park in Waycross, Ga. — an alligator that attracted the stares of tourists for decades — will soon be immortalized nearly a year after his death.

The skeleton of Oscar is being assembled and will be put on display like a museum dinosaur. The four-metre, 450-kilogram alligator had roamed the swamp from the time the park opened in 1946.

As his bones show, Oscar was a tough customer, surviving a shotgun blast to the face, at least three bullet wounds, broken bones and arthritis.

By some estimates, the geezer gator was 95 to 100 years old when he died last summer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Don Berryhill compares another alligator's skull to Oscar's, the unofficial mascot of Okefenokee Swamp Park.

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# Mix volunteer work with travel

## Opportunities to help others while on holiday

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In our world of beaten-track travel, many tourists are looking for alternative holiday experiences where they can learn about local culture while giving back. "Voluntourism," as it is now known, is a growing trend that blends volunteer work with travel. It's a chance for foreigners to pitch in, get their hands dirty and help the local community while on holiday.

No matter what your interest, there are volunteer opportunities in all parts of the world. From environmental protection to animal rights, archeological digs to organic farming, there's something for everyone.

Here are a few interesting opportunities to earn some Karma credits:

### COMMUNITY CARE

Global Volunteers is a non-profit, non-religious organization specializing in short-term volunteer placements across 21 countries. Anyone can participate in its projects, regardless of skill or profession. Care for orphaned children in Romania, build playgrounds in Jamaica, help the elderly in the Cook Islands, or work on an organic coffee co-operative in Costa Rica. Visit *www.globalvolunteers.org.*

### ANIMAL AID

PRETOMA, a non-governmental organization (NGO), offers volunteer placements aimed at protecting endangered sea turtles. From June to December, along the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica, tourists can take part in hands-on conservation programs that monitor and secure turtle nesting beaches. Prices range from $330 a week to $970 a month (they recommend at least two weeks), with accommodations in cabins, hotels or homestays. Visit *www.tortugamarina.org*

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A growing number of tourists interested in giving back to the local community are opting for volunteer-based holidays.

### HANDS-ON

Grab your hammer and tool belt! Habitat for Humanity's "global village" program has volunteers labouring to build affordable housing for disadvantaged people around the world. Teams of volunteers are sent on trips of one to three weeks long. Fees (which include food, accommodation and ground transportation) vary according to location. From Paraguay to Tajikistan, Cambodia to our own Canadian backyards, this non-profit initiative is creating change, one nail at a time. Apply for upcoming trips online at *www.habitat.ca.*

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Offering experiences from two to 12 weeks, Cross-Cultural Solutions places volunteers in a variety of programs: Promote female empowerment in rural Tanzania, work with kids in Morocco or teach English in China. According to its website, its philosophy of sustainability ensures that 90 per cent of the fees go to the volunteer program, not to exorbitant overhead costs. Visit *www.crossculturalsolutions.org*

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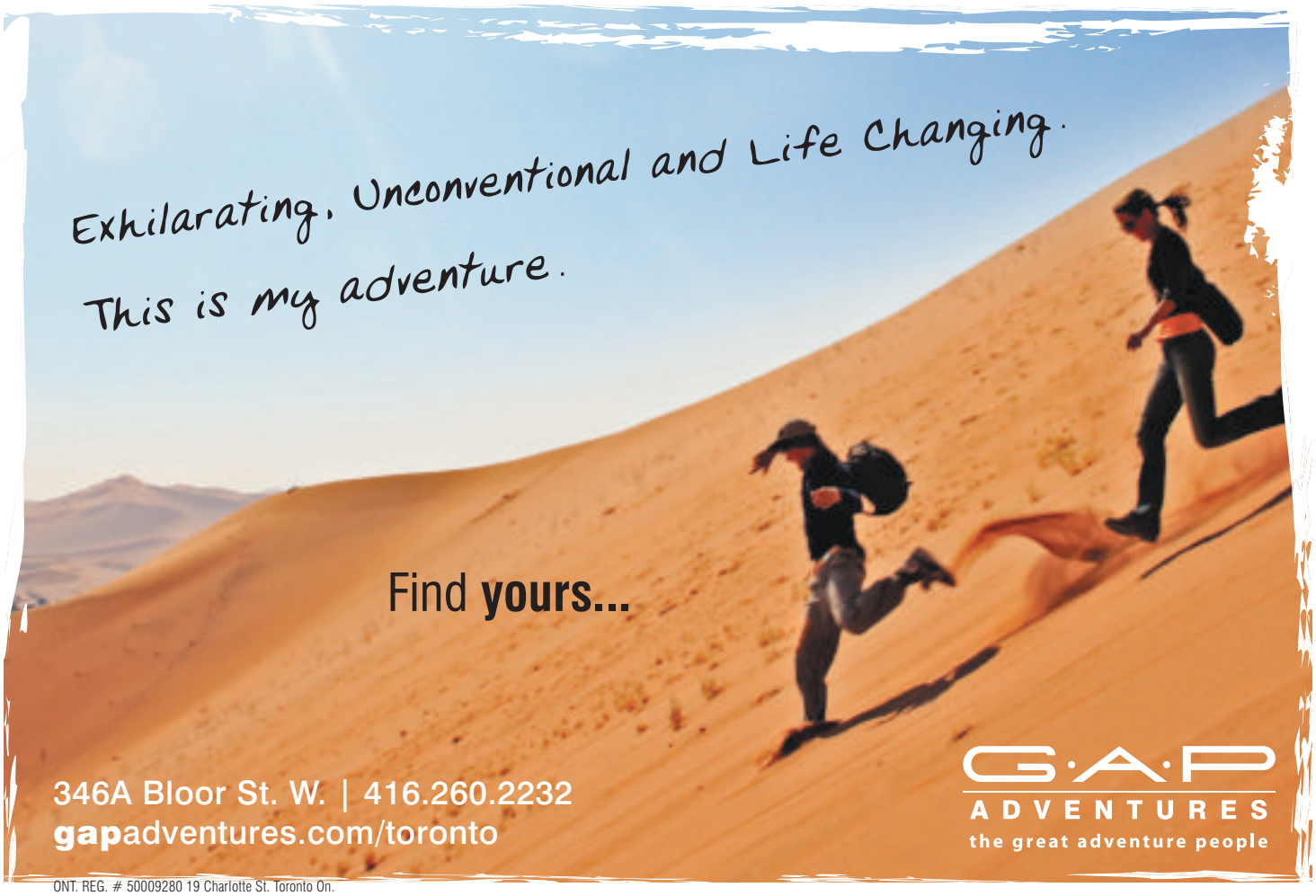


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Soccer-mad kids will get the chance to learn from Chelsea's coaches at Forte Village Resort in Sardinia this summer. From May to September, coaches from the English Premier League side will teach children aged 4-13 how to improve tactics, and be a better team player, while their parents languish round the pool. Visit *www.ghotw.com*.

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# A traveller's score

## Euro 2008 brings a tide of soccer fans and tourists

Overheard recently from a tourist in one of Vienna's grand cafes: "Waiter, I'll try a slice of your soccer tort."

OK, so it's actually Sacher (SAH'kerr) Torte, the famed Viennese chocolate cake filled with apricot jam. But no one's going to quarrel with a slight mispronunciation — not with the European Championships in soccer about to unfold in Austria and Switzerland. The event is second only to soccer's World Cup. If you're thinking of combining sports and sightseeing with a trip here, you'd best move quicker than Ronaldinho. Hotel rooms in the eight venue cities are being snapped up fast.

The Euro 2008 tournament opens in Basel and Geneva June 7 and wraps up with the final on June 29 in Vienna. But there's plenty to do, see and taste in between matches. Here are some leading attractions:

**VIENNA:** With Vienna's lavish architecture and elegant tree-lined boulevards, sometimes it seems like the Austro-Hungarian Empire never ended.

Cruise the Danube on a tour boat, or trot around the city in a horse-drawn carriage. Boutiques abound. Get a culture "fix" at the MuseumsQuartier, where the world-renowned Leopold Museum, Kunsthalle Wien and MUMOK Museum of Modern Art all beckon from beneath one roof.

A giant soccer ball is illuminated next to the fountain at Lac Leman in Geneva, Switzerland, in April.

A five-minute stroll gets you to the stately Vienna State Opera, which will be staging works by Verdi, Wagner and Strauss, or to the Museum for Ethnology, where Egyptian treasures are on display.

**GENEVA:** One way to enjoy the city is to view it from a paddlewheel steamer on Lake Geneva. Day passes for Swiss trains are accepted on the boats, which can be ridden to ports on both the French and Swiss sides of the lake.

The dramatic Jet d'Eau is one of the world's largest fountains, with the stream of water towering 152 metres above the lake at the Geneva end and visible for many kilometres. In honour of Euro 2008, the city has tethered a giant balloon in the form of a soccer ball.

**SALZBERG:** No visit to Austria is complete without a stop in the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Sample a Mozart dinner concert in the cellar of St. Peter's Church, where opera singers in period costume perform his works.

Search for hidden treasures at the Arkadenmarkt, a flea market held every Saturday on the Hof des Buergerspitals square.

Or board a bus for one of several Sound Of Music tours that bring you to the places where the classic 1965 Julie Andrews movie was made. Take a hike — or the funicular train — to the top of the Hohensalzburg Fortress, built in 1077 and remarkably well-preserved. The view is breathtaking: On a clear day, you'll swear you can see Switzerland. (You can't.)

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Children walk past Schoenbrunn castle in Vienna. The European soccer championships provide a perfect opportunity for travellers to discover the beauty of two alpine nations.

### travel notes

» Euro 2008 soccer tournament: June 7-29 in Austria (Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck and Klagenfurt) and Switzerland (Basel, Geneva, Zurich and Bern). Play opens June 7 in Basel and Geneva; final June 29 in Vienna.

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# IBM exports leadership

## Team looks to create new leaders in rural Vietnam

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
for Metro Toronto

Canadian Daniel Chan is going abroad to provide aid to a developing country, but rather than food or money he will be giving out something just as valuable: leadership skills.

Chan, a client manager at IBM, will be part of an IBM Corporate Service Corps team heading to Vietnam to teach business leaders valuable leadership and development skills to help strengthen the local economy, increase economic opportunities and improve access to learning resources for the local business community. Chan says the opportunity to impart his own experience and knowledge to up-and-coming leaders in a developing country was too good to pass up.

"I would say that I'm a pretty adventurous guy and throughout my IBM career I've been involved in education and training roles, so I'm truly excited for this opportunity to develop global leadership and experience," Chan said.

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» In Canada alone there were 242 applicants for the program and just seven spots.

While in Vietnam, Chan and his team will be living working in the city of Danang, a much smaller, less Westernized venue than metropolises like Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City. The move is deliberate, as businesses in smaller cities need the most help. Chan says it's all about showing local leaders how they can take their business global.

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Seen here from left are the Corporate Service Corps Daniel Chan, Marc Seeman, Levon Stepanian and, seated, Phee Vania.

"It's exciting to engage with local companies knowing we're going to assist them to be more competitive in a global economy," Chan said.

Chan's team will include IBM employees from the U.K., Germany, the U.S. and Mexico. The trip will be the first of six scheduled for the next three years, with 12 project teams totalling 100 people being sent to Romania, Turkey, Ghana, Tanzania, Vietnam and the Phillipines.

Dave Robitaille, manager of corporate citizen affairs at IBM, says interest in the program was extremely high among IBM employees. More than 5,500 people applied worldwide for the 100 available positions

"We like to joke that it was more difficult to get into than Harvard," Robitaille said.

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**DAVID KAUFMAN** is in the family business of beauty. As president of Toronto Barber and Beauty Supply he oversees the company's nationwide distribution of professional salon and aesthetics products (*www.tbbs.ca*). Kaufman likes the fact that running the 70-year-old business for 20 years always has him connecting with new clients. Being with family and friends is how he spends his own business.

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## social networking sites killing the class reunion?

» Ten years after graduating from Taylor High School in Katy, Texas, Tina Lee Naro learned some surprising things about her former classmates. One committed atheist became a Mormon. A tightly wound "business school" type became a laid-back bartender at a Montana ski resort. And a formerly hirsute friend is now completely bald. Naro, now a consultant in New York City, learned all these things not in person, but on the social networking site Facebook — enough that she now plans to skip her 10-year reunion this September.

» "I already had all those reunion moments: 'Really? You're gay? You're married? You joined the military?'" she said. "Actually, going back to Katy holds a lot less appeal now."

» Sites like Facebook and MySpace are now competition for the class reunion — that time-honoured tradition of dressing to kill, choking down rubbery chicken and gossiping about old classmates.

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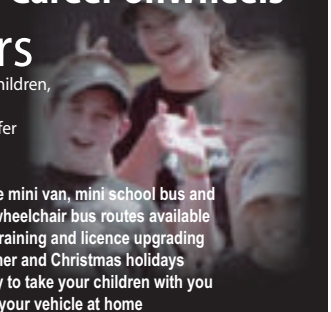

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# Build your online portfolio

Today's recruiters are not sitting idle waiting for the perfect resumé to land on their desk. With much more advanced search technology, they are looking everywhere for candidates and an online portfolio may be their ideal destination.

"An online portfolio allows you to show — not just tell — what you have done," says Louise Kursmark, president of Best Impression Career Services, Inc. and co-author of Cover Letter Magic: Trade Secrets Of Professional Resumé Writers. She says online portfolios can be a great adjunct to a job hunt since employers today are looking for what she calls "proof of performance."

"Candidates still need a traditional paper resumé, but the portfolio is a deeper, richer expression of their accomplishments and capabilities that can give candidates an edge over others who haven't assembled similar "proof of performance." A portfolio can boost a candidate's confidence and provide an excellent talking point during interviews," she adds

Last week we met Michael Sefcik, a graduate and job hunter who has created his own website. In early April, after his third month of traditional online applications, he began working on his online portfolio.

He first selected a website template from Open Source Web Design (*oswd.org*). Once he had his template he used a web development application, Adobe Dreamweaver, to fill in his professional and personal details and then registered the domain and published his website (via *netfirms.ca*).

"The website acts as a personal portfolio that contains pictures, articles,

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information about my travels, samples of my writing, and an in-depth resumé à la Wikipedia-style."

Sefcik explained he wanted a simple website so he only has four sections: A written summary of his accomplishments (the home page); a detailed version of his resumé including links and pictures (the resumé page); an area to display photos from his travels and other events; and finally he has an "about me page" where he informally talks about himself and his general interests.

"After developing a prototype I showed the website to a family friend, a manager at a consulting firm, who was instantly drawn in by its professional nature and subtle personal touches."

Anyone in any field and at any level of experience can develop a portfolio to enhance the traditional resume, says Kursmark.

"Students can showcase their very best class projects as well as extracurricular activities that might be relevant. Experienced professionals can include work-related materials and demonstrations. Everyone can create video or audio clips that allow them to express who they are and perhaps demonstrate something they do well."

Kavita Gosyne, 26, is a vibrant young journalist. She writes about her transition from student to employee and the issues she faces such as office politics.

# Clients can conflict with competition

Thinking of jumping ship to the competition? You better think twice before taking your clients with you.

Nothing infuriates a company more than news of an ex-employee soliciting away its most prized assets: The clients. But clients, much like those employees, do not stay sedentary. Seldom are they attracted to one company or another exclusively by virtue of the services they are offered. Rather, their affiliation lies with the relationships that are built and the key employees who have built them.

Having made the decision to jump to a competing

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insurance firm, broker Frederick Moroz thought he could solicit his old clients to join him. But his old insurance brokerage, Wilson M. Beck Insurance Services Inc, felt otherwise. After a court case where Beck sought to restrain Moroz from soliciting its customers, the court found that while a client is entitled to decide with whom it will conduct its business, an employee who is subject to a non-solicitation clause in his contract must not actively pursue that work.

This case demonstrates how far Canadian courts may go to prevent what is perceived to be unfair competition. Upon departing, employees should first pause for the following:

» Contractual provisions limiting solicitation and or competition are commonplace in today's employment contract — and they are being enforced;

» In addition to contractual obligations, all employees have implied duties of good faith and fidelity toward their employers, which prohibit taking confidential client information to use in competition against a former employer;

» Employees entrusted with control over the business or even key aspects of it may be viewed as fiduciaries who are required to act in the company's best interest long after their departure.

For the full column, go to *metronews.ca*.

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# Lennon inspired series

## Beatle urged director to make 17-part doc All You Need Is Love

By **RICK McGINNIS**
Metro Toronto

Documentary director Tony Palmer's series All You Need Is Love is out on DVD.

"You doing anything useful these days?" These were the words that inspired documentary director Tony Palmer to spend two years of his life, travelling all over the world, to make All You Need Is Love, a 17-part series on the history of popular music that's only now arriving on DVD this week, 30 years after it first aired on television.

The words were spoken by John Lennon, an old friend of Palmer's. "I can still hear his voice saying that," he says over the telephone, recalling the struggles to make the series. Palmer — a veteran director who's made films about classical music in addition to 200 Motels, the cult classic feature starring Frank Zappa — ended up capturing dozens of musical giants at their most candid, painting a first-hand eyewitness account of the evolution of jazz, blues and pop music over the course of a long century only three-quarters finished.

"When I look at the swing episode, that was the only long interview Artie Shaw ever gave. Bing Crosby — gone within a few years. Cab Calloway, gone. Frank Sinatra, gone. Benny Goodman, gone. I was really desperate to get around these guys because I knew they had extraordinary stories to tell, and I wanted to get there before they weren't there to tell them."

I saw the series when it aired in Canada, for the first time, on TVO, and it ended up being a major inspiration for my decision to become a music critic when I left college. Even at the time, though, I knew something was missing from the final episode, which speculated on the future of pop music, and appointed as its heir apparent ... Mike Oldfield. His 1973 prog rock opus Tubular Bells remains huge, though it's very much a period piece now, especially when you consider what was happening literally on the doorstep of Palmer's editing suite.

"We were aware — we'd had the Sex Pistols running in all directions in London, and I begged EMI and Polygram to put off the finishing of the series so that we could include some of that, but they wouldn't allow me to. They said, 'You've spent quite enough money anyway and we don't know any of this stuff.It's vulgar.'

"So I had my knuckles rapped, was told to finish it and go away. In retrospect," he says, "it was a terrible mistake and we knew it at the time, but it wasn't our money. We couldn't do anything about it really."

The series arrives on DVD with its 17 episodes cleaned up and formatted for widescreen televisions, but without any bonus features, a shortcoming Palmer blames on the producers' penny-pinching.

"If I've been tempted to commit murder it's this — the film was jointly financed by EMI and Polygram. And some moron in EMI junked all the outtakes. We sat there filming, for example, two hours of our interview with Hoagy Carmichael. And you can't use all of that, so you use five or 10 minutes. And the rest, this idiot at EMI threw away. Can you believe it?" he asks. "This moron was actually on the same plane as us yesterday afternoon coming over to New York. I thought, shall I kill him now? And I thought I'm much too old for that. But I know he was the guy who signed it off."

A scene from P.S. I Love You, starring Hilary Swank.

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» 2. 27 Dresses
» 3. The Golden Compass
» 4. Over Her Dead Body
» 5. Juno
» 6. Cloverfield
» 7. Charlie Wilson's War
» 8. In The Name Of The King
» 9. First Sunday
» 10. There Will Be Blood

**DVD SALES**

» 1. P.S. I Love You
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» 5. Aliens vs. Predator: Requiem
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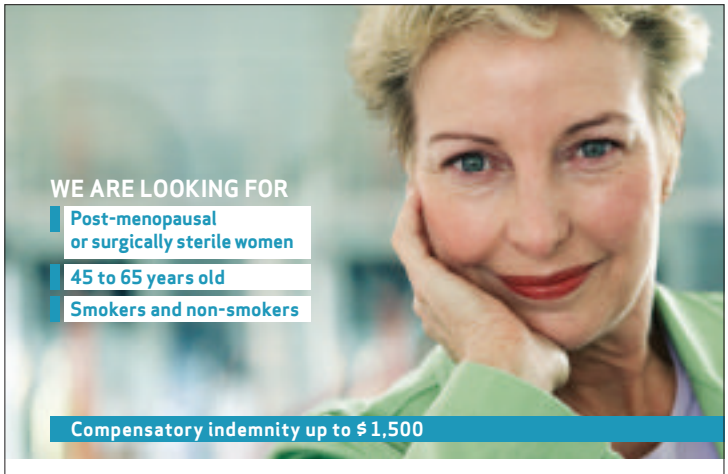
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# Bachelor no more

## Grant's fiancée wins him over by being herself

By **SANDY CAETANO**
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**Shayne Dahl Lamas and Matt Grant.**

The age-old advice of just being yourself certainly worked in the case of Shayne Dahl Lamas.

The 22-year-old actress captured the heart of Matt Grant, the bachelor on The Bachelor: London Calling, and the couple are now engaged.

"She's just so kind and caring and considerate about all her friends and family — she's also very confident and strong herself," said Grant, a global financier from London. "It's quite rare in Britain to have that balance without being arrogant and cocky and full of yourself."

Unlike the last season of The Bachelor, where the man looking for love ended up not choosing anyone, this season's suitor popped the question to his special lady.

Grant proposed to Lamas on Monday night's finale of the reality show with a 2.85-carat Tacori platinum and diamond eternity ring (an estimated value of $60,000 US) — and she said yes.

All throughout The Bachelor: London Calling, Grant, the first-ever British Bachelor, has let the world know he's crazy about American women.

Lamas, the daughter of actor Lorenza Lamas, proved to Grant she was the real deal by being herself every moment they were together, be it alone or surrounded by the other women vying for a piece of his heart. The 22-year-old actress also endured a dirty and physical game of rugby with the other contestants in a bid to gain his love.

So what was it that caught her eye besides Grant's looks and charm?

"First of all, he's handsome, and if you ever are in his presence his aura and his presence is just unbelievable, he's just amazing," said Lamas. "Just being in the same room with him, I mean his friends even say the same thing – and he's very tall, too (6-foot-5). That's great for short women because they can wear high heels."

The couple plans on travelling a bit, and having homes in Los Angeles and in London, since they each have family in both places.

As for a wedding date, nothing has been set. Grant and Lamas want to spend some time getting to know each other better before tying the knot.

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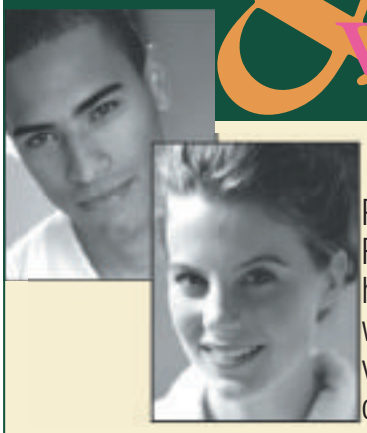

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# In The Heights tops Tony Award nominations

In The Heights, the little barrio musical that brought a fresh salsa and hip-hop beat to Broadway, dominated the 2008 Tony Award nominations yesterday, picking up 13, more than any other show.

But it was a day of other new faces, too, particularly in the best-musical category, where Heights will compete against diverse, high-spirited shows such as Passing Strange, Cry-Baby and Xanadu.

For Lin-Manuel Miranda, the star and composer of In The Heights, the nominations were a double treat. He received two (actor-musical and score) nominations for Heights, a slice of life look at the Latino residents of Upper Manhattan. The musical began last year off-Broadway before moving to the big time.

Yet Stew, author and star of Passing Strange, the story of one man's journey through sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, received four nominations for the same show — actor, score, book and orchestrations of a musical.

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# Nothing to Panic about

## Rock band drops exclamation mark, hits Abbey Road

By **IAN NATHANSON**
for Metro Toronto

As Panic At The Disco discovered, no trip to London, England, was complete without a stop by the iconic Abbey Road recording studios where The Beatles made most of their classic recordings.

While they enjoyed a walk across that iconic crosswalk immortalized on the Fab Four's 1969 album cover, the Las Vegas rockers also happened to be at Abbey Road on business — to mix and add orchestral flourishes to sophomore release, Pretty. Odd.

"We recorded the strings and the horns there just because that studio is known as the best place for the type of sound we were looking for," says drummer Spencer Smith. "It was all an amazing experience, being in the same studios where some of the records we love the best were made."

Months later, Smith, guitarist Ryan Ross, bassist Jon Walker and vocalist Brendon Urie got a chance to perform in the building's Studio 1 as part of a TV special, Live From Abbey Road.

The band isn't shy about channelling its British influences. The mix of upbeat pop, folk, vaudeville and psychedelia echo the likes of Queen, The Kinks and The Beatles, the latter noticeably evident on the Sgt. Pepper-style opening of We're So Starving and Nine In The Afternoon.

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Panic At The Disco plays the Sound Academy tonight.

"These are basically songs about us being in a band, being excited about writing new songs and working on new material and not only being known for the 14 songs we wrote when we were 17-years-old," Smith says.

Smith acknowledges that Pretty. Odd. proffers a significant shift away from the angsty, emo-punk stylings of the group's 2005 debut, A Fever You Can't Sweat Out.

"When you're 16 or 17, you don't really want listen to the music your parents listened to — it isn't cool," he says. "Years later, we ended up realizing why a lot of those older songs were so good and more interesting to hear than what's currently on the radio."

Does that shift explain why there's no longer an exclamation mark as part of the Panic name?

"When we were making the artwork and cover for this album, the artist was like, 'Do you guys want the exclamation point?' and we ended up deciding, 'Nah, let's take it out.'"

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**BRING OUT YOUR DEAD:** The current TV season is ringing down, and like any decent Shakespeare play, the stage is littered with bodies.

The networks are trying to lighten the tone of this downbeat little drama by announcing new shows and renewals at the same time, but there's no denying it's a dismal end to a dispiriting year, and that there are some people (well, just me, probably) who think they would do just as well to nuke their whole prime-time schedules and start all over again with a kind of broadcast year zero.

ABC leads the list this year with an impressive body count, tallied up conveniently by the Los Angeles Times. There's a lot of what you'd expect — Cavemen is gone, as is Carpoolers, Big Shots, October Road and Miss Guided. Cashmere Mafia, Women's Murder Club and Men In Trees are also among the fallen, as is — cue shock chords — Oprah's Big Give, which was dropped at the request of Oprah Winfrey herself.

"We loved that show and absolutely would have loved to bring it back," ABC entertainment president Steve McPherson told the Hollywood Reporter. "But it was something (Oprah) didn't want to do."

The network is taking Scrubs over from NBC, and says it has 17 new pilots in development for mid-season launch, which promises to make September on ABC look pretty quiet, but it may turn out that other networks are going to make an equally soft start on the fall TV season.

ABC's casualty list is as large as Fox and CBS combined, neither of which contain many surprises, either, except for Fox's axing of Back To You, the newsroom comedy starring Kelsey Grammar and Patricia Heaton.

Grammar, it turns out, had to find out about his show's termination from Nikki Finke's L.A. Weekly blog, and posed with an impromptu memorial erected by fans outside Fox's offices, though Finke reported that CBS is rumoured to be interested in picking up the show.

Canterbury's Law, New Amsterdam and The Return Of Jezebel James are gone at Fox, while CBS has done a higher profile housecleaning, killing off Jericho — at last — as well as Shark, Moonlight, Cane and Welcome To The Captain, the latter show bearing the not-so-unusual distinction of being a program I've never heard of until now.

NBC has cut Las Vegas and Journeyman from its schedule, and finally confirmed it can't rebuild Bionic Woman, and the CW has dropped Girlfriends and Aliens In America. Britney Spears' well-publicized cameos on How I Met Your Mother is apparently a big reason for the show's renewal, and among the shows reprieved for another year are titles like Boston Legal, Rules Of Engagement, The New Adventures Of Old Christine and According To Jim, which is proof of life after death, if nothing else.

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| | - | - | 14 | - | Law & Order: SVU | | News (N) | | News (N) | | King | King | Cold Case |
| | 213 | 326 | 15 | SUN | Scrubs | George Lopez | Price Is Right Spectacular | | The Breakthrough ★★ (1994, Science Fiction) | | | | Grill Rm. |
| | - | 387 | 16 | CBS | Inside Edition | Hollywood | Price Is Right Spectacular | | Criminal Minds (N) | | CSI: NY "Taxi" (N) | | News (N) |
| | - | 385 | 17 | NBC | The Insider (N) | Entertainment | Deal or No Deal (N) | | | | Law & Order (HDTV) (N) | | News (N) |
| | - | 386 | 18 | ABC | Wheel-Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Wife Swap "Coste/Ives" | | Supernanny (N) | | Boston Legal (HDTV) (N) | | News |
| | 219 | 346 | 20 | ACH-B | Wheel-Fortune | Degrassi: Next | Smallville "Arctic" (N) | | Supernanny (N) | | Law & Order (HDTV) (N) | | News (N) |
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| | - | 388 | 61 | PBS | News-Lehrer | Britcom Membr | Secrets of the Dead (N) | | The Adirondacks (HDTV) (N) | | | | Business Rpt. |
| | 297 | 652 | 330 | WPX | Two/Half Men | Family Guy | America's Next Top Model (N) | | Farmer Wants a Wife (N) | | CW11 News at Ten | | Family Guy |
| | 296 | 654 | 331 | SBK | Wheel-Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Dr. Phil (N) | | News (N) | Jeopardy! | Frasier | Frasier | Cheers |
| | 298 | 653 | 332 | TLA | Reba | Reba | My Wife-Kids | According-Jim | Family Guy | Family Guy | Two/Half Men | Two/Half Men | Next Model |
| news | 502 | 390 | 26 | NW | News (N) | Newman | The Hour Ivan Reitman. | | CBC News: The National | | CBC News: The National | | National |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | CNN Election Center | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | |
| | 509 | 504 | 79 | CNB | Kudlow & Company | | Fast Money | | American Greed Jewel thief. | | The Big Idea With Deutsch | | Mad Money |
| sports | 405 | 417 | 22 | net | Memorial Cup Preview | | MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Minnesota Twins. (Live) | | | | | | Sportsnet Con. |
| | 400 | 400 | 30 | TSN | That's Hockey | NHL Pregame | NHL Hockey: Western Conference Final Game 4 -- Red Wings at Stars | | | | | SportsCentre | |
| | 411 | 457 | 58 | OLN | Exploration | Videos | Ed's Up | Angry Planet | The Rig: Oil | Man's Work | Word Travels | Globe Guides | Pilot Guides |
| | 417 | 406 | 81 | SC | Pinks | Pass Time | Countdown to All-Star (N) | | NASCAR All-Star '08 (N) | | Unique Whips | | Pinks |
| family | 551 | 542 | 25 | YTV | Malcolm-Mid. | Prank Patrol | Fries That? | Mon. Warriors | Futurama | Shadow Raider | Falcon Beach | | Mystery Hnt. |
| | 554 | 544 | 45 | TEL | George-Jungle | Road Runner | Scooby-Doo | Futurama | Tripping-Rift | Tripping-Rift | Robot Chicken | Robot Chicken | Tripping-Rift |
| | 556 | 540 | 51 | FAM | That's-Raven | Smart Guy | Zack & Cody | Natural-Sadie | Han. Montana | Life Derek | Ned's School | Cory in House | Zack & Cody |
| cable variety | 602 | 567 | 27 | W | Will & Grace | Friends | Shopping Bags | Style by Jury | Smart Cookies | Stuck | Maxed Out | Style by Jury | Style by Jury |
| | 570 | 580 | 29 | MM | The O.C. "The Outsider" | | MuchMusic's 20 Sexiest Stars | | The Shift | | PunchMuch | | Punk'd |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | | CSI: Miami "Slow Burn" | | CSI: Miami |
| | 700 | 800 | 35 | TLN | Centrovetrine | Sky TG 24 | E Poi C'e Filippo (Italian). | | | | The Sopranos (SS) | | Raymond |
| | 571 | 581 | 36 | MMM | mmmtop | Popaganda | | Back In | Listed | | Don't Forget the Lyrics! | | Celeb. Rehab |
| | 575 | 583 | 38 | CMT | CMT30 | Totally | Cheerleader Nation | | Reba | Hope & Faith | Home Improve. | Roseanne | Totally |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | ReGenesis "Haze" | | Da Vinci's Inquest | | Trailer Park | Rent-A-Goalie | Life "A Civil War" | | House |
| | 620 | 523 | 40 | BVO | Literature Alive | Arts & Minds | Wingfield | Camera | True Meaning of Pictures: Shelby Lee Adams | | | Abbas in Iran | Law & Order |
| | 601 | 562 | 41 | SLC | Women on Top | Til Debt-Part | X-Weighted | | How to Find a Husband | | Trading Spouses | | X-Weighted |
| | 522 | 506 | 43 | HIS | JAG (DVS) | | Re-Inventors | Urban Legends | Jerusalem 1948: A War | | Crime Stories | | JAG (DVS) |
| | 625 | 548 | 44 | COM | Air Farce | 22 Minutes | Laughs | Corner Gas | The Simpsons | South Park | Lewis Black | Reno 911! | Daily Show |
| | 600 | 564 | 46 | H&G | House Hunters | Buy Me | Hid Potential | House Worth? | Property Virgin | Big City Broker | Unsellable | Buy Me | Open House |
| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | Family Guy | Family Guy | Cliffhanger ★★★ (1993, Action) Sylvester Stallone. | | | | Frasier | Seinfeld | Friends |
| | 576 | 582 | 49 | BET | 106 & Park | Access | College Hill | Iron Ring | T.I. Speaks | The Wire "Corner Boys" | | | Different World |
| | 627 | 528 | 50 | SPC | Stargate SG-1 | | Star Trek: Voyager | | Star Trek: Next Gener. | | Supernatural | | Stargate SG-1 |
| | 581 | 566 | 52 | MTV | MTV e2 | MTV Peaks '08 | 4REAL | The Paper | The Real World | | The Real World (N) | | MTV Live |
| | 618 | 524 | 54 | TROP | TV Made, Do It | Ad Persuasion | ET Canada | What Happen? | Family Guy | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Frasier | Family Guy |
| | 603 | 561 | 56 | FOOD | Ricardo | Chef at Home | Restaurant Makeover | | Iron Chef America | | Dinner Imposs. | Glutton-Punish. | Challenge |
| | 261 | 394 | 60 | V | Murder, She Wrote | | Sorry! | No Place Like | Jeeves and Wooster | | Frank Sinatra Memorial (N) | | Frank Sinatra |
| | 621 | 527 | 63 | STR | Look-A-Like | Hollywood | TMZ (N) | eTalk | Design | In Fashion | The Tonight Show-Jay Leno | | eTalk |
| | 553 | 546 | 65 | TRE | Wonder Pets | Nght Grdn | Wiggle-Learn | Franklin | Little Bear | Miss Spider | Comfy Couch | Rolie Polie Olie | Beren. Bears |
| | 115 | 711 | 101 | TVA | Marché | Poule-oeufs or | Comicographie (N) | | Esprits criminels (HDTV) | | Le TVA 22 heures (N) (SC) | | Lévesque |
| | 126 | 730 | 102 | RDI | Dominique Poirier en direct | | Grands reportages (SC) | | Le Téléjournal (SC) | | Le Club des ex | Le National | Le Téléjournal |
| | 526 | 507 | 249 | CLT | The West Wing | | Decoding the Past | | National Dream | | Traders "Options" | | The West Wing |
| | 300 | 601 | 301 | M1 | (6:25) Something Beneath | | In Treatment | In Treatment | Zodiac ★★★ (2007, Suspense) Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo. | | | | |
| | 305 | 612 | 306 | PIX | (7:15) The Pyx ★★ (1973, Horror) Karen Black. | | | | Ghost Story ★★★ (1981, Horror) Fred Astaire. | | | | Nat. Lamp Trip |

## critics'corner

**Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom**

Indy (Harrison Ford) is back in the 1984 sequel to "Raiders of the Lost Ark." This time, he's in search of mythical stones that are the source of a village's prosperity. Accompanying him in his quest is a pint-sized kid (Ke Huy Quan, "The Goonies") with a bad case of hero worship and a nightclub singer (Kate Capshaw) who screams at everything. Amrish Puri co-stars as the hairless leader of a blood-thirsty cult. 8 PM on GTV

**Jerusalem 1948: A War From Three Sides**

In 1947, all heck broke loose — well, more heck, anyway. That's when the U.N. decided to break Palestine into one Jewish state and one Arab state, with Jerusalem being an international zone. What happened instead was a bitter battle for the holy city. The seige eventually ended in 1948, and Israel became a reality. This documentary presents three views of the situation: British, Palestinian and Israeli. 2 PM on HIS

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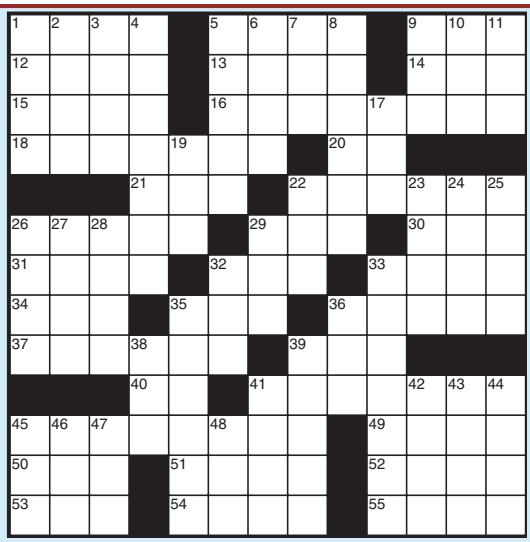

## down »

1 Campus area
2 Reliable
3 Inventor's spark
4 Yanking
5 Pine for
6 Flight routes
7 Tool set
8 Work with clay
9 Come down with
10 Hole in one
11 School of dolphins
17 Cyberspace letters
19 Sister of Helios
22 Worthless coin
23 Frizzy coif
24 Big hunk
25 Vandals
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28 She taught in Siam
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32 Slalom run
33 Ice cream choices
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39 Police raids
41 Surface layer
42 Name in essays
43 In case
44 Blouse part
45 Unopened flower
46 Mormon predecessor
47 Untrained, as recruits
48 Billiard stick

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1 Ear cleaner (hyph.)
5 Talks on and on
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12 Karachi language
13 Mr. Sevareid
14 Environmental prefix
15 "The Mammoth Hunters" writer
16 Set in motion
18 New car sources
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21 Free electron
22 Make ripples
26 Organizes
29 Three-year-old
30 Kind of vaccine
31 Carry a tune
32 Paris thirst-quencher
33 Ollie's pal
34 — Diego Chargers
35 Capitalize on
36 Dollops
37 Pamphlets
39 Glamorous wrap
40 Doubtful answer
41 In a diplomatic way
45 Prickly weeds
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51 Interview wear
52 Take a chance
53 Lawn cover?
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55 Jade

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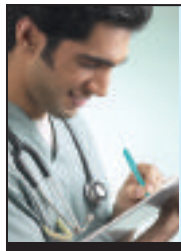

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**ARIES** | March 21-April 20
Surprising news comes by mail. Prepare for allergies to flare up. You might think it's too late for forgiveness.

**TAURUS** | April 21-May 21
A senior's safety measures should be updated. Expect a price change – buy now. Do not walk through dark places by yourself.

**GEMINI** | May 22-June 21
A dispute will lead the way to an agreement. Look into discovering how to prosper. Refuse to be a mediator on a proposal.

**CANCER** | June 22-July 22
A disgraced visitor has much to say. A man causes confusion to burst out. A moody dictator limits time spent in contemplation.

**LEO** | July 23-Aug. 23
Others will need a lesson in compassion. Whining about chores takes up too much energy. Someone fails to show up when needed.

**VIRGO** | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Get your emotions under control. Arrogance causes feelings of inadequacy. Get down to basics with an impractical negotiator.

**LIBRA** | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Provide sanity for an oblivious person. A friend has guilt about a crisis. Better news comes about finances.

**SCORPIO** | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Frankness is the best approach in a love affair. Have a nap if you get the chance. Dreadful dreams lead to a thorny dilemma.

**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Look before you leap in your love life. Someone opens your eyes to a paradigm shift. Opportunities will give you a new way of life.

**CAPRICORN** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A stressful ruling will create resentment. Worry about a job can be reduced by consultation. Being fond of someone will amaze you.

**AQUARIUS** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Exhaustion will result if you don't let up. Less is more in a relationship. Don't stubbornly insist on following orders.

**PISCES** | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Emotional difficulties will persist if someone else calls the shots. A sweet rascal spends money like crazy.

AVATAR VENUS

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## instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

## solve time »

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| Under 13 minutes | Genius |
| 13-17 minutes | Scholar |
| 17-21 | Smart |
| 21-25 | Pretty good |
| More than 25 | Keep practising |

### previous answer

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## This Day IN HISTORY

**May 14, 1913:** New York Gov. William Sulzer approves the charter for the Rockefeller Foundation, which begins operations with a $100-million donation from John D. Rockefeller.

**May 14, 1925:** Virginia Woolf's novel Mrs Dalloway is published.

**May 14, 1939:** Lina Medina becomes the world's youngest confirmed mother in medical history at the age of five.

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| Afternoon | Tonight | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Rain. 19° | Clear. 7° | Sunny. 17°/6° | Variable. 17°/8° | Showers. 15°/6° |

**Temperature**
**Normals**
High: 18.1°
Low: 5.5°

**Records**
High: 30°/1962
Low: -1.1°/1938

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Sunset: 8:36 p.m.
Moonset: 3:13 a.m.
Moonrise: 3:30 p.m.

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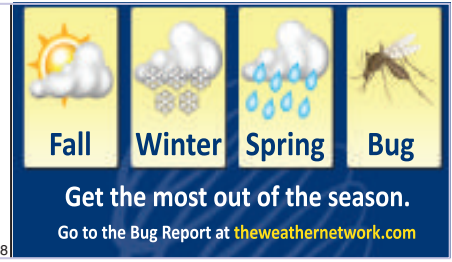

# celebritybuzz

## Wedding bells for Cynthia?

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Sex And The City: The Movie star Cynthia Nixon wants to wed her partner Christine Marinoni – because gay weddings are "rebellious," imdb.com reports. The actress began dating Marinoni in 2004, and rumours surfaced last month the pair would marry later this year in a low-key ceremony. But Nixon, 42, admits she's never been keen on marriage in the past – although she would consider wedding Marioni because it would be an act of rebellion. She says, "It (marriage) is something my girlfriend is interested in and it was not something my boyfriend (Danny Mozer, with who she spilt after 15 years together) ever was. I think that to get married to her would be a little act of rebellion. It's like if you've never had the vote and then you get it, you're going to run out there and vote. I always avoided marriage in the past and was very wary of it. I felt like it was potentially a trap. People sometimes want the party, the gifts, and the public celebration of this big love – they're excited about that rather than the life commitment. So I always stayed clear of it."

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## Beyoncé's weight gain spurs baby rumours

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Beyoncé Knowles, who still won't confirm her April 4 wedding to Jay-Z, is also keeping quiet about whether or not she is pregnant, PageSix.com reports. Friends of the tight-lipped newlyweds say the songbird is expecting the couple's first child. "She has gained a lot of pregnancy weight," a source said.

A rep for Knowles said, "I don't know if she's pregnant. Let me perform an ultrasound and get back to you."

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## Tony, Jessica split?

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According to starmagazine.com, while partying with several Eastern Illinois alumni on the weekend, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo revealed he and Jessica Simpson are on the outs, reports Chicago gossip blog These Boots Are Made For Stalking.

"He told us they broke up and that was that," Romo's pal told the blog.

Romo made the most of his boys' weekend – from seeing a Chicago Cubs game to boozing at local hot spots.

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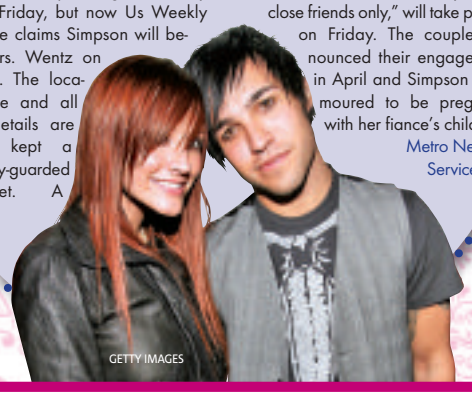
## Ashlee, Pete to tie knot on Saturday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Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz will wed on Saturday, according to the latest U.S. reports, says imdb.com. The pop couple was rumoured to be planning a ceremony for this Friday, but now Us Weekly magazine claims Simpson will become Mrs. Wentz on Saturday. The location, time and all other details are being kept a closely-guarded secret. A source close to the pair tells the publication, "Proper invites have not been sent out but guests have been given a save-the-date notice." A rehearsal dinner, for "family and close friends only," will take place on Friday. The couple announced their engagement in April and Simpson is rumoured to be pregnant with her fiance's child.

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## Charlize upset with film fans

Oscar winner Charlize Theron has hit out at film fans, claiming modern audiences are obsessed with "fluff," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress is bitter her most recent movie The Valley Of Elah underperformed at the box office and is frustrated she can't find more roles playing strong women, like in 2005's North Country, and Monster, which won her a Best Actress Oscar in 2004.

Theron says, "I asked Michael Seitzman, who wrote North Country, 'Why don't you write these kind of stories more; these roles for women?' He said, 'There isn't the demand for it.' ... We've become completely fluff obsessed."

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# Jake, Jessica walk off

Jake Gyllenhaal and Jessica Biel walked off the set of director David O. Russell's new movie Nailed on Friday after producers failed to show they had enough money to pay their cast, imdb.com reports. The Screen Actors Guild will keep all cast members from the movie until the production company shows there is enough money set aside in a union-mandated account. An on-set source tells the New York Times production on the movie is expected to resume this week. It's not the first scandal to strike the set of the movie, which was co-written by Al Gore's daughter Kristin – veteran James Caan quit his cameo role last month after a bust-up with Russell.

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## 007 cursed, psychic says

A top psychic has urged the producers of the new James Bond movie Quantum Of Solace to change the Halloween release date of the film – or risk encouraging more bad luck, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Dean 'Midas' Maynard, who uses supernatural powers to help British sports teams and celebrities over slumps, has offered his help to 007 Daniel Craig and the cast and crew of the film.

He believes the recent accidents, which have dogged the Bond sets in South America and Europe, are part of a curse that hangs over the film.

And he insists Amy Winehouse's run of bad luck – with two arrests in two weeks – is linked to the Bond curse because she has been recording a potential theme for Quantum Of Solace.

Maynard says, "The movie set suffered three car crashes in five days, one critical, and a technician working on the movie was stabbed with a steak knife in a domestic dispute on Tuesday.

"It's clear what is going on here and I would be honoured to come to the help of James Bond and help the team get things back on track.

"People may scoff at the talk of a curse, but it seems strange that all these bad things have happened in such a short space of time, and perhaps it's something to do with the Halloween release date of the film."

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## Geri wants to be good role model

Ginger Spice says she's more concerned with being a role model for her daughter than with spending her life at the gym, reports People.com.

"I want to have a healthy body image for Bluebell," Geri Halliwell tells the U.K.'s Glamour of her daughter, who turns 2 today. "I think it's good to promote a healthy example, so whatever shape she is, she loves herself." Metro News Services

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*Based on an MSRP of $13,995/$15,995/$21,895/$37,195/$29,745/$32,495/$21,695/$19,995 on 2008 Rio5 EX MT/2008 Spectra LX MT/2008 Magentis LX MT/2008 Amanti Luxury/2008 Sedona LX/2008 Sorento LX/2008 Sportage LX MT/2008 Rondo LX. MSRP for 2008 Sedona LX SD7528/2008 Spectra LX Conv. ST5428/2008 Sportage LX Conv. SP5528 is $29,745/$18,195/$23,895. Monthly lease payments for 2008 Sedona LX/Sportage LX Conv. are $269/$229 for 48 months at 0%/0% lease APR with a $2,445/$1,440 down payment. Total lease obligation is $15,377/$12,453 with the option to purchase at end of term for $11,068/$9,592. Payments and/or down payments are reduced by a credit of $3,300/$1,850 for 2008 Sedona LX/Sportage LX Conv. Delivery and destination of $1,650/$1,650 excluded. Lease has 20,000 km/year allowance (other packages available) and 0.10/km for excess. License, registration, insurance, dealer administration fees, lease acquisition fee, and taxes are excluded for finance, lease and cash purchase offers, where applicable. $0% purchase financing available on all 2008 Rio/Spectra/Spectra5/Rondo/Magentis/Amanti/Sportage/Sorento/Sedona for a term of up to 48/72/72/48/60/24/60/48/60 months O.A.C. (term varies by model). ^3 free lease payments up to a maximum amount of $1,950 (amount differs by model) available on all lease offers for new 2008 models. Kia Canada pays for the first three lease payments or the customer can elect to apply the amount towards the down payment to reduce monthly payments. Advertised down payment for 2008 Sedona LX/Sportage LX Conv. includes free lease payment offer of $1,800/$1,350. This down payment option can be exercised in lieu of 3 free lease payments. ◆Purchase price reduction of $2,750 on new 2008 Sedona models with cash purchase. If cash rebate is not taken, the effective interest rates are 0%/5.62% relative to their respective advertised finance/lease APRs. The effective rates are for information purposes only. See dealer for details. Purchase financing example: $10,000 at 2.9% purchase financing equals $179 per month for 60 months; cost of borrowing (C.O.B.) is $755 for a total obligation of $10,755. Monthly payment and C.O.B. will vary depending on amount borrowed, the term and down payment/trade. Other lease and finance options available. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Prices subject to change without notice. Certain restrictions may apply. >Highway/city fuel consumption for 2008 Sedona LX is 8.8 L/13.2 L per 100km/2008 Sportage LX is 7.8 L/10.4 L per 100km. The actual fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. ‡Green Score for Kia Spectra based on automatic/manual transmission specification within its segment. Refer to GreenerCars.org for full details. ††NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) test results. Visit www.safercar.gov for full details. ◇2008 Sedona awarded the Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Visit www.iihs.org for full details. ^Conditions apply to the $500 Grad Rebate program. +Some conditions may apply to the $750 Kia Mobility program. See dealer for details. ▼Kia's "Worry-Free Comprehensive" warranty covers most vehicle components against defects under normal use and maintenance conditions. Price, availability and specifications are subject to changes without notice. Some vehicles may include optional equipment and may not be exactly as shown. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of print. KIA is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.